

du says she is the youngest daughter of Emperor Francois Joseph and the late Empress Elisabeth, who was assassinated in Vienna, is now living in Geneva. She says she was born in 1882 in a chateau in Normandy where her mother was then living. She has three children. She is now with...

RUSSIA REPLIES TO MANCHURIAN NOTE

Foreign Minister Says He is Ready to Make Terms with China.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—M. K. Kovalev, minister of finance, in an important statement tonight declared the Russian government had no desire to wield political power in Manchuria and was prepared to waive its right to control over the municipalities of Harbin and other points if a satisfactory substitute could be devised.

This was the feature of the Russo-Chinese convention to which the United States and other powers objected. According to the minister, some form of municipal administration at Harbin, empowered to collect taxes for various public works and schools, is a self-evident necessity.

He said he was ready to discuss proposals entailing the necessary supervision to the consular body, but that the railroad would preserve the right to police its own premises and buildings. No objections could be raised to other features of the proposed municipal administration, they placed all foreign and Chinese residents on absolute equality.

The minister declared that the Russian guards in Manchuria would not be withdrawn, as has been suggested. The Russian memorandum sent to the powers in October declared specifically that the administration of affairs at Harbin does not concern Russia, and it was thought that this protest might be a preliminary to demands by China for the withdrawal of the Russian guards.

Confirming previous despatches, Kovalev said Russia was ready to consider a proposal for the sale of the Manchurian railroad, either to China, financed by an international syndicate, or such a syndicate direct, although Russia would prefer to wait for the completion of the Amur railway. He could not state the appropriate terms on which the railroad would be disposed of, but he said that

the fact that Russia had invested \$175,000,000 in Manchurian railroads must be considered. The minister denied a Berlin report that Russia for the Amur and second trans-Siberian lines would be purchased in the United States. Russian industry, he added, needed the contracts.

In conclusion, Kovalev said that the Russo-Japanese war scare which was agitating the Russian press, was not to be taken seriously. The statement of Kovalev foreshadows a satisfactory settlement.

MOTHER AWARDED CHILD BY COURT

After Absence in Alaska, Mrs. Goodman Gets Custody of Boy, Taken From Uncle.

Application was made by Mrs. Goodman to Judge Graham yesterday afternoon to restore to her the custody of her son, Bert Goodman, who on the last day of April last was taken from the custody of his grandmother and by order of the court placed in the custody of the County Humane Society. William Harvey, Sr., who appeared for the County Humane Society, told the court he was there to support the application. He reminded the court that it had issued a warrant for the arrest of Jessie Grigby for the cruel fogging of the child, and at the trial the grandmother had supported the application. On the issue of the application, the court held that neither the grandmother nor the uncle were the persons to have the custody of the child and handed him over to the County Humane Society, since which time the child has been placed in the home of the mother's sister, who treated him kindly and sent him to school.

The mother has now returned from Alaska and wishes to take the child. Inasmuch as the court is satisfied that the child was not to be given to the grandmother, the court made the order.

N. W. MOODEY HOME AFTER SAD MISSION

Attended Funeral of Father, Who Was One of Oldest Masons in United States.

N. W. Moody, accompanied by Mrs. Moody, returned last night from Alameda after attending the funeral of his father, J. C. Moody, who died at the age of 83 last Wednesday night. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Willis Minium, Rev. Willis Minium, father of Willis Minium, Rev. Minium was pastor of a Methodist church in Henry, Ill., 27 years ago, when Mr. Moody was a resident of that city and both were fast friends. Mr. Moody was one of the oldest Masons in the United States. He was better known in Illinois and Ohio, where he resided most of his life, than in this state. He was married to Mrs. J. C. Moody, of San Francisco. N. W. Moody of this city, R. C. Moody of Santa Rosa, J. T. Moody of St. Helena, William O. Moody, of Alexandria, La., and Mrs. Jennie Emerick of Alameda. The latter is the mother of Mrs. Willis Minium, wife of an instructor in the Alameda high school. Mr. Moody was born near Harrisburg, Penn. He resided in Plaquemine, O., and in 1847 became a member of the Alameda lodge of that city. In 1850 he moved from Ohio to Henry, Ill., where he engaged in the harness business. He remained a resident and business man of Henry, Ill., for nearly forty years, when he retired and came to California. While in Henry he was always an active member of the Masonic fraternity and also an official member of the Methodist church of that city. About eleven years ago he moved to this state, going to Santa Rosa. He then resided with the Miniums in Berkeley for a year and later went to Petaluma. For the past six years and a half he had been residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Minium.

Mr. Moody was a man of strong convictions and fearless when he knew he was right. He had strong opinions on all questions, particularly those that involved the interests of the nation.

GRAHAM VINEYARD SOLD FOR \$125,000

It was learned yesterday that the large vineyard of W. H. Graham near Reedley had been sold to a party of Los Angeles men, who are said to have paid approximately \$125,000 for the 350 acres of land full bearing, consisting of vines and fruit trees. Several thousand dollars worth of improvements are included in the deal. The new owners announce that they will continue in the vineyard and orchard business. The vineyard and orchard had been sold to have been paid makes the deal one of the largest in 1920.

"RAFFLES" SCHEME WAS USED TO DEFRAUD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Chief of Police Browning of Oden, arrived here today to take back the Utah city Mrs. V. Curry, her husband and Fred K. Ricker, charged with conspiracy to defraud. They are alleged to have obtained \$300 from an Oden newspaper by having a young woman claim the reward which was offered for the detection of Mrs. Curry, who as "Dolly Dimples" was doing a "Raffles" stunt. It is said that the trio will resist extradition.

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WICKERSHAM REPORTS REGARDING SUGAR TRUST

Prosecution of Custom House Frauds Are to Be Thorough.

Attorney General Makes Comment Upon Other Legal Business.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Negotiations that the Department of Justice intends a vigorous prosecution in the efforts to recover all money due the government as a result of sugar frauds at New York and to punish all who have participated in them, is shown by the annual report of Attorney-General Wickersham, made public today. After briefly reciting the facts in the case, which are of public knowledge, he says:

"The evidence has disclosed a network of corruption, not confined to the American Sugar Refining Company. Extending over a period of years, affecting both importers and officers of the government, it is as yet premature to state the precise extent of the conspiracy or the amount of the revenues of which the government has been defrauded."

"While it is feared that the statute of limitations may have run in favor of many of the malefactors who are responsible for these frauds, yet not every officer or agent of the importers or as officials of the government. I earnestly request a special appropriation of \$50,000 to enable this work to be effectively prosecuted."

"COMMODITIES CLAUSE." Further litigation touching the "commodities clause" arising under the interstate commerce law, is promised by the attorney-general. Discussing the decision of the supreme court in those cases, Wickersham says it does not "necessarily determine the application of the statute to cases where the commodities transported are owned by a corporation, all or substantially all of whose stock is owned by the carrier corporation at the time of transportation, and especially where the carrier shall have transferred all of its interest in such commodities to a purpose of evading the prohibition of the commodities clause, and all, or substantially all, of the stock of which is owned by the carrier."

"These questions will be presented for determination in the courts. If the prohibition of the statute can be successfully evaded by the simple device of transfer of ownership of the property to a corporation all of whose stock shall be owned or controlled by the carrier, Congress should amend the statute so as to make it an effective and not a merely illusory prohibition, or else repeat it."

LAND FRAUDS.

"In the matter of public land fraud prosecution, the attorney-general makes clear his determination to respect to the effort to undo, so far as may be, the frauds 'which have been for so long a time perpetrated by private individuals of portions of public domain contrary to the conditions under which Congress has authorized those lands to be patented.'"

Important recommendations contained in the report include those for a broadening of the right of appeal of the government in criminal cases; a repeal of section 860 of the revised statutes relating to criminal cases; the enactment of a general immunity statute to meet the conditions which arise in the endeavor to procure testimony for the government; favoring a national law providing for the seizure and forfeiture of property of the funds of a national bank at imprisonment for five years.

The attorney-general refers to the unsatisfactory condition of the District of Columbia, which he says is a disgrace to the national government, and he earnestly recommends an appropriation to improve them.

YOUNG MACKENZIE SHOT IN SALOON

"Bud" Stephenson, His Slayer, Is in Danger of Mob Violence.

LEBEAU, S. D., Dec. 12.—David G. Mackenzie, 222 of Murdo Mackenzie, former president of the National Livestock association, was shot and killed today by "Bud" Stephenson, formerly employed on the Matador ranch, of which Mackenzie was manager. Stephenson was arrested shortly after the shooting and was later taken to Selby to prevent the threatened violence.

Just what led up to the shooting is a mystery. The two men met in a saloon and without a word of warning Stephenson opened fire on Mackenzie. The first bullet entered Mackenzie's lung and being unarmed, he started for the door. Stephenson fired two more shots, one of which pierced the arm and the other the heart. Mackenzie died within a few moments.

Considerable feeling existed between the men because of former difficulties. Stephenson had been away from the Matador ranch for some time. A request tonight resulted in a verdict which held Stephenson to the grand jury on a charge of murder.

Mackenzie came here from Trinidad, Colorado, where he was well known.

FROST WRECKS THREE TRAINS.
WATERTOWN, S. D., Dec. 12.—Three trains were wrecked near Watertown last night and this morning because of the peculiar action of frost in causing the rails to spread. A St. Louis passenger train went off the track one mile east of the city. A St. Louis freight was wrecked near Watertown and a Northwestern freight went off the track near Deland. No one was seriously injured.

ROOSEVELT ENTERTAINED.
NAIROBI, E. A., Dec. 12.—Colonel Roosevelt attended services at the English church here yesterday and later was present at a farewell banquet tendered him by Governor Jackson. Today Colonel Roosevelt dined with G. K. Watts, commission of public works for this protectorate, and tomorrow he will be the guest of Principal Medical Officer A. E. Milne.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

ORDER OF OWLS.
Fresno Neat No. 177, Order of Owls, met with a good attendance last night. Two applications for membership were received. The local Neat of Owls will go to Coalinga next Sunday to assist in installing a new Neat of Owls in that city. A large charter list has been promised by F. H. Webber of Stockton. A large one-third for the round trip has been secured. The delegation will leave the Southern Pacific depot at 6 a. m. and return at 7:30 p. m. All those who contemplate going on the excursion are requested to leave their names with the secretary at A. O. U. W. hall with P. L. Grace at 2015 Mariposa street.

EASTERN STAR.
Last night in Masonic hall, Rabbits Chapter No. 89, O. E. S., held its annual installation of officers. The event was celebrated with the usual impressive ceremonies of installation under the direction of Mrs. Harriet B. Giles of Visalia, past district deputy grand matron. Mrs. Lizzie Walker acted as marshal.

The hall was elaborately and tastefully decorated for the occasion in greenery and the colors of the order, blue, yellow, white, green and red. The gown worn by the ladies present added very much to the brilliancy of the scene.

After the ceremonies of installation the members gathered about the banquet table, which was beautifully decorated and laden with good things. Toasts and speech making enlivened the feast.

The following officers were installed: Worthy matron, Mae Wright; worthy patron, George Grover Murray; associate matron, Jessie Burnham; secretary, Selma J. Fawcett; treasurer, Jennie E. Whitney; conductress, Alice Murray; associate conductress, Rose Casner; marshal, Bertha Wright; organist, Belle Brown; altar, Anna Hickman; Ruth, Eva Sprot; Martha, Jessie Berry; J. J. Francis; Cassell; wardens, Emma Plaugher; sentinel, Charles W. Childtenden.

AMERICANS MEET.
At the regular session of Fresno Assembly in K. of C. hall last night the Americans received six applications. After the candidates were initiated, the election of officers for the first half of the year of 1921 took place and resulted as follows:

Past chairman, Anna Pool; chairman, R. E. Johnston; vice chairman, Alfred W. Golden; secretary, treasurer, C. E. Lewis; chaplain, Viola Bayless; senior sergeant, Joana Starkey; junior sergeant, Carrie Martin; sentinel, Leona Bayless; guard, Merrell Starkey; pianist, Marion Keefe; medical examiner, W. P. Miller.

Refreshments were then served and the rest of the evening spent in playing games and dancing.

FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD

The Fraternal Brotherhood No. 31 held its weekly meeting in Klamath hall last night. During the short business session eight applications were received and initiated upon and five were initiated. Calvin D. Shupe, Miss Lydia Schrader, Miss Rose Bunow, Mrs. Arthur McDaniel and Mrs. Ethel W. Hooper.

A very large crowd enjoyed the following program: Trio, C. Lusk Padlock, violin; Mr. Pollard, cello; Mr. Pollard, piano; reading, Miss Stella France; piano solo, M. Winnie March; recitation, Winlow Mustelman; address, J. J. Francis; violin solo, Mrs. Pollard; piano solo, Percy Coleigh; address, O. B. Read.

Dainty refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed. Special music had been engaged for dancing.

EXPERTS FROM U. C. HERE IN JANUARY

Special Demonstration Train to Leave Sacramento Today for Tour of Upper San Joaquin.

E. W. Clapp, division freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Company, yesterday received from San Francisco the itinerary of the special agricultural and horticultural demonstration train, which will be sent out from Sacramento today on a tour of the small towns between the capital city and Modesto. The demonstration train will be under the auspices of the University of California.

The train starts two days before Christmas. After the holidays, the special will again be sent out, Fresno being included in the proposed schedule for January. Every station on the Southern Pacific line in the upper San Joaquin valley will be visited between now and December 22.

The speakers are: Professors E. J. Wickersham, W. T. Clarke, C. W. Shaw, E. W. Major, H. Phillips, F. D. Hawk, C. H. Haring, M. E. Jaffa, F. T. Bioletti, Leon Bonner, J. S. Ruffalo, J. Lipman, R. E. Smith, F. L. Yeaw, T. F. Hunt, H. J. Quayle, S. N. Rostwick, assistant general freight agent of the Southern Pacific company at San Francisco, and E. W. Clapp, division passenger and freight agent at Fresno.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—J. R. St. Denis, a carpenter who was convicted of the murder of Henry Huber, a jeweler, in a North Beach saloon about a month after a quarter for \$4,000, was sentenced today to life imprisonment at San Quentin.

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| 1 Black Russian Pony Coat, all matched, beautifully marked skins--rich brocaded silk lining--a straight drop of \$25--making this beautiful \$100.00 coat a grand bargain at \$75 | 1 Brown Opossum Set, broad shawl collar with five heads and tails. Open rug muff. Price 22.50 (worth \$32.50). |
| Black Nearsale Coat, 58 inches long, brocaded silk lining, large shawl collar and extra wide cuffs, \$125. value for \$90 | Black Coney Shawl Collar, open rug muff, shirred silk lining 20.00 |
| Sable Coney Coat, 45 inches long, Skinner satin lined, large shawl collar and wide cuffs, reduced from 37.50 to \$27.50 | Black China Wolf Set, 22.50 |
| 45 inch Russian Pony Coat, was \$50, reduced to 38.50 | 1 Jap Mink Set, trimmed with heads and tails and eight whole skins in muff, worth \$35, for \$25 |
| 1 Jap Mink Set, long throw scarf and fancy muff trimmed with head and tails. \$22.50 value 15.00 | Jap Mink Set, fine quality, small fancy scarf and pillow muff, lined throughout with brown satin. Price.. 18.50 |
| | Jap Mink Set, large, pelterine of six whole skins and open rug muff of five whole skins, worth \$35, for \$25.00 |
| | White Mufloon, shawl collar and open rug muff, lined with white satin 20.00 |



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CANNON DENIES HE PLANS RESIGNATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—"Laugh and the world laughs with you. I'm laughing; I'm not weeping," smilingly remarked Speaker Cannon today in characterizing as a bit of imagination a published report that he purposes to retire from the speakership at the close of the present Congress and positively not again run for a seat in the House.

"A man may retire from politics; a man may resign from the House; a man may decline the speakership; a man may retire from anything," he said. "The man who wrote that story had a vivid imagination. I am not crossing a bridge before I come to it."

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News of Central California

16 YEAR LINDSAY GIRL LEAVES HOME WITH PICTURE MAN

Two Warrants Issued for Operator of Film Theater.

Girl Seen on Train; Man is Supposed to Have Gone to Los Angeles.

VISALIA, Dec. 13.—A man named Johnson has notified the sheriff's office that a sister-in-law, named Ruth Warren, 16 years old, has departed with a man named Pomtaz, who for some time has been in charge of a moving picture show at the Lyndsey, owned by Arthur Earl Lyndsey, of this city. The couple are supposed to have left on the train for the north yesterday morning, but there is good reason to believe they have been seen.

While at Lyndsey the two posed as brother and sister, although the girl lived with the Johnsons. She sold tickets at the box office.

Mr. Hagby at Lyndsey today reports that the two cleaned out the till, taking all of Saturday night's receipts. There was money due both, but they got away with more than was coming to them, he says. This evening he announced that he would swear out a warrant against Pomtaz for felony elzelement. Johnson has had a warrant issued for the man on a charge of abduction.

The girl departed without taking either hat or wraps and had no money so far as known. A man has been found who says the girl or the train yesterday did not see Pomtaz. It is believed, therefore, that if he is traveling with her he is in another part of the train. Officers think he left on another train for the south and that the couple are either now in Los Angeles or out of the state. Pomtaz is about 25 years of age. He is said to be married to a step-sister of the girl's but where the wife is or whether she is living or divorced is not stated.

Mr. Hagby believes that Pomtaz has been "knocked down" on the receipt from the show for two weeks or more and that his loss is about \$100.

Last Tuesday Mr. Hagby sold the show to E. C. Plummer of Lyndsey, and the girl was not to take possession until today.

Documents filed at the office of the county recorder for the year up until today number over 10,000. With fifteen days yet to go this month the estimate is that the number will be considerably in excess of 10,000 by the end of the year. There is a large increase over last year, when the documents filed numbered only 8,200, and the year before, when the number was about 7,000. The increase of this kind over last will be nearly 30 percent or nearly a third more.

The above is interesting as showing the rapidly with which land in this county is changing hands, as the great bulk of the filings have to do with land transactions. In addition to the numerous documents, there are probably 4,000 that are not recorded by number, but which have to do with the total amount of business transacted.

Judge Clark this afternoon met out sentences to five felons, bringing from 100 to 180 days each. These are the heaviest penalties imposed in several years. The boys floated promptly.

Officer T. M. Stewart returned this evening from Fresno, bringing Sidney Crane, who together with James Hutchinson stole a supply of wine of houses Saturday night which they abandoned near Fowler and went to Fresno on the train. The two are being held at the county jail until they can have a hearing before Judge Wallace in the Juvenile court.

Hutchinson has been mixed up in several escapades but not of a criminal nature. Some months ago, while employed as an elevator boy for a local department store, he left, after receiving his pay check without notice to employers or parents and some weeks later was located in Bakersfield.

Young Crane stole a bicycle here some weeks ago and was out on probation at the time of his latest escapade.

Young Quinn of Guinda, who the Hutchinson boy attempts to bring into the trouble, tells the officers that he was impertinently by Hutchinson to run away with him, and several other boys tell a like story.

DENIES NEW TRIAL.
COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Dec. 13.—Judge Crawford in this district court today overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of John R. Dobbins, convicted of taking part in the alleged robbery of T. W. Ballew, the Princeton, Mo., banker, \$50,000 by means of a fake horse race.

Dobbins was given an indeterminate sentence of not more than five years. Notice of appeal to the Supreme Court of the state was filed at once given and Dobbins was released on a bond of \$5,000.

MADERA COURT NAMES SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Raleigh Rhodes Appointed in Place of Goucher, Who Is Ill

MADERA, Dec. 13.—The sickness of district Attorney Goucher who is so ill that he cannot leave his home, was the cause of the postponement of the case of the People vs. Murphy until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. The court in the meantime appointed R. E. Rhodes as district attorney during Mr. Goucher's illness, and he took charge of the case this afternoon when the taking of the testimony began.

City Clerk W. M. Utte, Supervisor Warner, A. A. McUmber and E. Stevens returned last night from the gun hunting ducks.

Miss Verda Honeycutt, niece of County Auditor Honeycutt, arrived here yesterday from Glasgow, Kentucky on a visit.

The board of education has granted certificates to the following named: High School—Lucia Thornton and Clara Finney. Special on music and drawing, Miss Hazel Hunt.

Grammar—Harry L. Maxlin, Belle Foster, Frank H. Schottel, Olive Wood, Ruth Dunlap, Muriel Knapp, Julia G. Basile, Samuel Hughes, Nettie J. Hadley, Kate Shove and Mrs. A. O. Allen.

Mrs. Elena M. Dyer was recommended for a life diploma for grammar grade.

The board adopted questions for teachers' examinations to be held on December 27th, at which time the semi-annual meeting of the board will take place.

RAISIN MEETING WELL ATTENDED AT FOWLER

Growers in Sympathy With Movement, But Act With Caution.

FOWLER, Dec. 13.—The meeting held here Thursday afternoon to consider the Central California Raisin Company was as well attended as could reasonably be expected on such a day. Some eighty to ninety raisin men being present. After the meeting had organized, and its object been stated, Willie M. Giffen, president of the raisin company, in a straightforward manner outlined what that organization aimed to accomplish, and was followed by Mr. Holsinger with further data along the same line.

The entire situation was reviewed and all the facts very logically presented. It would be difficult for anyone to more fairly sum the matter up than did the speaker mentioned—and when opportunity was given to sign up, there were not a few who wished to take time to consider the matter from some of the standpoints which had been set before them.

As a community there probably is not another of its size in which greater sympathy is felt as to this proposed movement—but there is the recollection of former efforts and contracts, and the fear that the management may pass from the hands of the present directors, in whom everyone has full confidence, and the organization be affiliated with some other, and the interests of the grower made subservient to other interests.

An adjourned meeting of the Good Government League will be held in the hall Tuesday evening. The committee appointed last Monday evening to nominate desirable persons to serve as chairman of the different committees provided for by the constitution of the league, will make their report. Every member is urged to be present to cut out the practice so rife of neglecting the gatherings where nominations are made and then "kick" because of the parties nominated.

Wagon horse trails with rains continue to pass through town, en route to the packing houses and visits to some of these establishments during the past week have shown them to be places of activity, especially for this season of the year.

Quantities of building material are being taken into the surrounding sections, and new buildings or additions are frequently seen.

The rains have put the soil in condition for working. Ranchers are either equipping themselves with new plows, cultivators, etc., or are buying the old put in good order. Preparations are being made for planting a considerable acreage in trees and vines. Low prices and depressed prices of past two years do not deter residents from seeking to be in position to reap benefit of better conditions in coming years.

Most of the orchards about here are or recently have been unusually high colored. Spraying and pruning are in full swing.

PROMINENT ORCHARDIST CONTRACTS GLANDERS AND DIES

His Case First Diagnosed by Physicians as Smallpox.

Porterville Civic Bodies Contract for a Boost Write-up of Section.

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 13.—C. H. Chubb, one of the most well known orchardists of the Porterville district, is dead at his country home near Porterville, as the result of an attack of glanders, undoubtedly contracted from driving horses when he owned and which were afflicted with this dread disease. Mr. Chubb had been ill for some days, although it was not until the past week that his condition was one of more than ordinary concern to his family. When an eruption appeared to mark his death, physicians were called and smallpox was suspected. The Chubb home was isolated for a short time pending microscopic tests and when these showed that the diagnosis of the disease was incorrect, the history of the eruption, which caused his death, was learned.

Mr. Chubb was one of the prominent Masons of the county and suite. He had served in an official capacity in the lodge for years and his three sons, Tug, Harry and Leslie, Chubb have also been prominent lodge workers. The funeral services are to be conducted with the ceremony of the Masonic order.

Bridal the widow and the three sons named, there is a daughter, Lillian, all of the members of the family being at the bedside when the end came.

The nominating committee of the Chamber of Commerce has resubmitted the incumbent officers and board of directors for re-election for the coming term. The names to be voted upon at the annual election and banquet of the organization to be held early in January. Those who have been placed in nomination include W. P. Bartlett, G. L. Ochs, W. C. Fresno, M. L. W. Wright, A. J. De La Hay, E. E. Graham. It is probable that there will be no additions to this list.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce and "Merchants' Association" have submitted a \$2000 for a public work which is to be done in a Los Angeles paper. The material for an illustrated magazine article has been prepared and forwarded. Several thousand copies of the paper containing this matter are to be distributed to the members of the Chamber of Commerce. Publicity Bureau during the coming spring. Inquiries at the Chamber of Commerce for the past month have averaged better than fifteen a day, all of these letters being from those who had heard of the Porterville section and who wish more detailed information.

Warrants of arrest were issued this afternoon for "John Doe Thomas" and "Richard Roe" Thomas, upon indictment of the charge of kidnapping of a child, the charge being preferred by Ernest G. Bartley, the secretary of the Tulare County Humane Society, whose offices are in this city. The two named are father and son, Thomas, older being the proprietor of the Tulare County Humane Society, and the younger, a short distance from this city. It is stated by the officers that Thomas and his son were inhuman in the treatment of their draft horses. Neighbors, it is stated, have told of hearing the groans and beating of their animals for a distance of a quarter of a mile. It is alleged that one horse has been so worked without rest upon hard roads that the animal's hoofs were worn down to the quick, and it is also alleged that the animal was so severely abused that it has been beaten into doing almost the daily work of a sound horse.

Plans have been drawn and the contract let for the transformation of the Larson building at the corner of Main and Oak streets into a modern store building. The lower store has been used as a department store for some years, and rapid expansion of business making necessary more room. A proposal was made by the corner of the building that if the upper floors were arranged for store purposes and the building thoroughly modernized, the entire structure would be devoted to department store purposes. The new plans contemplate placing of five elevators on the frontage of the building, and wide plate glass show windows will also be placed on the second floor. Electric lighting will be upon the most approved modern lines. Work has begun on the construction. The upper floors have been occupied by the Sumner Hotel, and it is stated that the proprietors of this place have in view a new building.

There was received at the Chamber of Commerce exhibit rooms today a sample case from the state secretary at Sacramento, sent by order of J. W. Jeffrey, state horticultural officer. The case contains a large number of little glass receptacles in which are specimens of all the insect pests which were thus far been identified and which will form a basis for comparison when new bugs are reported from the orchards of the Porterville district. In a letter accompanying the gift, Edward K. Carney, superintendent of the state institution, congratulates the county upon its freedom from pests.

NEVADA BROKER WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Steps were taken today for the extradition to Nevada of D. R. Huxley, of Goldfield, a former broker accused of the \$1,900 gold coin robbery during the financial flurry of 1907. Huxley was arrested in this city yesterday after a two years' search. He had been employed here for some time as collector for a newspaper, passing under his right name.

At the time of his flight, Huxley was reputed to be a man of high financial standing. He did a big business in stocks of all kinds and his disappearance caused a sensation. He has announced that he will fight extradition.

OPPENHEIMER MUST HANG

BAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Jacob Oppenheimer, the San Quentin convict, found guilty of murder, must hang, according to a decision of the Supreme Court today. The lower court's verdict is sustained. Oppenheimer was the most desperate convict in the state penitentiary, he having stabbed several guards and fellow convicts. He will be hanged for having killed another prisoner.

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EX-POLICEMAN IS NOW A PREACHER

Says There Is No Place for a God-Fearing Man in the Department.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—"Jack" Brown, a strapping policeman, who quit the force, swore off on liquor and turned evangelist, announced yesterday some of his conclusions after wrestling a year with the aid of prayer instead of the night stick. Here they are in brief:

"The police department of a big city is an express train to hell. I decided to take a look at it. Then I changed cars again and am on an express for heaven."

"A policeman can be a Christian as well as any one else if he wants to, but no one ever heard of one wanting to. Besides, if he was one, he would have to leave the department. There is no place there for a God-fearing man of honest purposes."

"If the police of the city followed Christ's example they would help more to wipe out sin than all the preaching in the world. Think what it would be if they gave a helping hand to the weak, had pity for the Magdalen, a sympathetic ear for human suffering."

"I believe in an old-fashioned church, no denominations, just the religion of Jesus. I try to live every day by more like Him, and that is the religion I teach my flock."

DR. HILLIS AVERSE TO MONEY MAKING
Therefore This Learned Practitioner Is Not Several Times a Millionaire.

NEW YORK, December 12.—Only his belief that a minister should not be in the money-making business has prevented Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Brooklyn pastor, writer and lecturer, from becoming a millionaire several times over.

Last summer he visited his twenty-thousand-acre estate on Graham Island, off Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and in tramping through rough woodland stumbled across a vein of coal. He had the vein prospected and experts declared it enormously rich. Dr. Hillis did not care to be involved in high finance when he still had his work as pastor and so he sold the property to old friends, James A. Moore of Seattle, and H. E. Law of San Francisco.

It is understood Dr. Hillis received \$15,000 in addition to what he originally paid for the property three years ago. Last night an official of the Western Steel Corporation said they had found coal worth at least \$5,000,000.

"COLD AIR" ROOMS FOR THE CHILDREN
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Pupils in the Graham school are undergoing "cold air treatment" for their health under the direction of Principal William E. Watt. The program has been in progress for three months.

A room containing ninety first grade pupils was found yesterday with windows wide open and children studying with their wraps on.

The children are delighted, said Principal Watt, "to breathe pure air all day in school and out. They are not compelled to sit in the room under such conditions, but there are many more clamoring to get in. It has been a most successful experiment."

"Pupils have been cured of catarrh, swollen glands have been reduced to normal size and the tubercular symptoms have disappeared. Their resistance to disease has been raised and they are much more healthy."

FRESNO VETERAN FIREMEN.
The F. V. F. will hold its regular meeting in the City Hall on Wednesday, December 15th, at 8 p. m.

This is the last meeting of the year, and members are requested to come and settle their indebtedness to the association, so that we may make a good start for the new year. Also election of new officers.

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COLOMBIANS FAIL TO ADOPT TREATY

United States is Indifferent to Action by South American Republic as to Panama.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The State department has been officially notified of the adjournment of the Colombian Congress, to meet again on June 16th. The treaty between the United States and Colombia, which was signed in this city on January 9th, was not adopted before the Congress adjourned. It was well understood that if presented, it would have been rejected. This was one of three treaties between the United States and Colombia, the United States and Colombia, and Panama and Colombia, following the secession of Panama.

In urging the adoption of these treaties, the United States was actuated only by a desire to put the governments of Colombia and Panama on a more amicable basis, and so far as the United States is concerned, the adoption or rejection of the treaties is of little consequence.

RECEIVER IS APPOINTED FOR IMPERIAL VALLEY COMPANY
EL CENTRO, Cal., Dec. 13.—W. A. Hollabird, of Los Angeles, was appointed today receiver of the California Development Company and bonds in the sum of \$250,000 were deposited with the Superior Court of Imperial county. Hollabird is to act as general manager of the property and proceed with development and permanent structural work on the great system through which water is supplied to this valley.

Curing Catarrh
Accept Our Advice and Try this Remedy at Our Risk

Catarrh is a disease of the mucous membrane. The mucous membrane is one may say, the interior lining of the body. Catarrh therefore may exist in any part of the system.

When the catarrhal poison attacks the mucous membrane inflammation and congestion are produced and nature falls to throw off the accumulated poisons. The organ which has been afflicted ceases to perform its proper function as nature intended it should. The result is, complication upon complication, which may lead to other even more serious afflictions.

We honestly believe Rexall Mucos-Tone will do wonders toward overcoming catarrh. It is made from the prescription of an eminent physician, and his great success with this remedy was an enviable one.

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Today we start the third day of this mighty successful sale—a sale that is strictly bona fide, where all you have to do is to make your selections and subtract one-third from the marked prices, then pay us the balance and obtain the garment.

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Come in today and share the bargains while the opportunity lasts, and make your selections while the assortments are complete.

For further particulars we refer you to our show windows where many sample bargains are displayed.

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SAVE THE TREES!

Which is the easier to move, a tree, or a pencil mark on paper? The tree, apparently, considering the amount of fuss it takes to get a pavement laid out to conform to the actual conditions of the ground, when these differ from the marks on the official map.

The latest is the proposal to cut down the trees on Fortcamp avenue, and make room for the new pavement. Those trees are ten years old. It would take ten more years to grow other like them. It would take ten seconds to draw a new line on the map, marking the theoretical curb where the actual curb now is. Doubtless that will be done, but it will take a deal of fuss to get it done.

Fortcamp avenue is a narrow street and it has a street railroad on it, which is to be double tracked. That is a disadvantage of the street, but it is a disadvantage which existed when the present owners of property on that avenue bought their property and they chose to put up with that disadvantage in consideration of the many other advantages of the street. One of these advantages is the fact that it is the one through street west of Blackstone where it is possible to get from the old city to the newer additions without dodging around inside corners. Whoever first laid out the whole northern additions to the town ought to have his bones dug up and publicly hanged. One of the crimes committed in that boom lay-out was making the one through street the narrowest of all. But it is too late to remedy it, and we must take the consequences. To cut down the trees on Fortcamp avenue would not cure the difficulty, and it would waste ten years in the beautification of North Park. It would be to cap the ancient crime with a modern one.

Let Fortcamp avenue remain as it is, but save the trees!

RECRUITS.

The San Jose Mercury comes out in a displayed editorial, squarely favoring organized action to rid the state of the domination of the political bureau of the Southern Pacific.

"The system that has prevailed in this state for so long," says the Mercury, "is not only inequitable in principle and disgusting to a self-respecting people, but is subversive of proper public sentiment and prevents the development of a sober-minded consideration of matters of great public concern. It matters not how fairly or honestly they may try to do it, the naming of the officers who are to frame and administer the laws of a state should never be left to the paid officials or agents of a single corporation doing business in the state." The Mercury then goes on to state that the people have become nauseated at the sight of Burke, Parker and Hutton controlling conventions and legislatures; that these men and the officials whose nominations they procure necessarily take orders from the head of the railroad bureau, instead of from the people; and adds that the direct primary now gives opportunity to destroy this system. "This can be certainly and permanently done in one way only. The sentiment that calls for competent, independent public officials must be organized and wisely directed." To this end the Mercury stands ready to co-operate in a wise, just and comprehensive effort to restore to the people the power which is inherently theirs.

The Mercury does not say so, but we hope it means that the Mercury and its publishers are willing to co-operate in support of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League. Or, if they object to that, they have a reason for their objection, and have something else practical to suggest. The publishers of the Mercury, while standing for independence and good government in San Jose politics, have not always had this attitude in state politics. One of them was nominated for Congress at least once by the direct act of the Herrin machine, and more than once with its co-operation. The other was Abe Ruef's candidate for governor, only four years ago. When they speak of the power of the railroad machine, they are not speaking by rumor, but by direct personal knowledge. We may assume that neither of them ever enjoyed the sort of sponsorship the machine provided, but they dealt with the situation as they found it, and accepted support from the source where power resided. We are glad to know that they have seen the light, and now stand ready not merely to declare their personal independence, but to assist any organized effort to destroy the power whose sinister force they too well know. The Mercury is a valuable and well informed witness for the truth.

PARTY AND FACTION.

Edward Insley of the Sacramento Union, in a long signed editorial, manifests a lot of interest, which we hope is genuine, in the alleged development of the views of the editor of the Republican toward that goal of wisdom set by the Insley views.

We will give all due credit for insincerity to Mr. Insley, and perhaps in time we may come to share all his views, as we now do many of them. But at least do not misunderstand the views you criticize.

The Union was particularly puzzled by the Republican's defense of the right of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League faction of the Republican party to hold a pre-primary convention, while denying the same right to the other factions of the party.

logical. But that is not what we claim. We freely concede the right of any faction, as a faction, to hold a pre-primary convention, and we hope the "regulars" as a faction, will exercise that right. What we object to is the pretense of any such faction to be the party, or its arrogating to itself the right to call its convention a party convention. If it really is the party, then it needs no convention, since the party primaries are its convention. If it is only a faction of the party, then it should act avowedly as such.

We are aware that the New York law proposed by Governor Hughes violates this principle. It calls for a pre-primary convention by the party as such. But the Hughes plan is in principle utterly illogical, and it is not made logical by the eminent character of its sponsor. It may, nevertheless, be temporarily practical, under the conditions in New York. We don't know. At any rate, it is not practical in California, and it is not defensible in principle anywhere.

Mr. Insley also advocates the application of the "Berkeley plan" to state politics. That is queer. The purpose of the Berkeley plan is to abolish parties; the purpose of the Hughes plan is to preserve them. Parties ought to be abolished, in city elections. In state politics, they ought to survive or perish, as the people will, being neither artificially disrupted nor artificially riveted, by any law.

WORLD'S FAIR.

It is to be hoped that San Francisco and San Diego will compose their differences in regard to the World's Fair, to be held in honor of the completion of the Panama canal. Unless California agrees, Congress will not help, and there will be no World's Fair. There may be a state celebration, and if there is it would better be held at San Diego, just to remind us that the new outlet is southward, and that San Diego is the first American port of entry.

But if, instead of being a state celebration, it is to be a national and international one, it would seem that San Francisco is the obvious place to hold it. From the world's standpoint, this is a Pacific celebration, and San Francisco is the world's gate to the Pacific. If it were to be only a celebration of the increased importance of the nearest port, the place to hold it would be Panama or Colon. But since it is to be a celebration of the wedding of two oceans, the plan to celebrate it at the metropolis of the Western ocean, San Diego may become that metropolis some day. It is not now.

As a matter of fact, it is physically impossible to hold a World's Fair at San Diego. The town has not, and can not build, the accommodations necessary for a world-crowd. Nor would the world-crowd go there. You can kill the people, but the gladiators' spirits from the yesty deep will they come? The thing simply can not be done. They can hold a fair at San Diego, and it would be a good thing to have it. But the holding of it there makes it a state fair. That may be after all the best thing to do. But if we have World's Fair ambitions we must carry them out on the World's Fair scale—and the only place where there is room for that is Los Angeles or San Francisco.

SPARE US!

George Bernard Shaw has been invited by Charles Frohman to spend Christmas in New York, and refuses to come, saying that there is no reason why anybody who can be in London should care to go to America. America is two hundred years behind the times, anyway, and not fit to live in. Besides, George is afraid of being arrested as soon as he lands, to prevent his good looks from leading the women of America astray. Also "there is another good reason why I should not go to America. If I do, everything else will stop. The people will cease to be interested in politics; commerce, art or anything else. Nicaragua may shoot all the Americans it likes. Then the shots will not be heard in the din of silly talk about Bernard Shaw. I should be a public nuisance, an interruption, a ramrod stuck into the national machinery. For America's sake I'll spare her, by staying at home."

Amen! good Bernard; spare us! For if you come over, you would indeed be a nuisance. There would be a "din of silly talk about Bernard Shaw," and you would do the talking and make the din. Your good looks would not scare anybody, but your impudent tongue might. Anyhow, America is too far behind the times for you. We do not recognize your jurisdiction, nor anybody's, to revise the Ten Commandments.

POWER SITES.

According to the New York Sun, the sub-committee of the House committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has had under consideration the question of granting leases to power companies to water on navigable streams or on non-navigable streams located on public land. The committee has reached the conclusion that it would be unconstitutional to charge rental, either for the water or for the land, so it proposes a bill providing for fifty-year leases, without option or rental, but terminable at the choice of the government at the end of the fifty years, the lessee to pay to the government, in that case, enough to pay for removing dams or other obstructions.

We can hardly suppose this report to be accurate, at least as to the non-navigable streams, where the dam could not possibly be an obstruction, or other than an asset, and where, in any case, the cost of removing the obstructing portion of it would be nominal. That would be like granting a water company in a city a fifty-year franchise, without payment, except an agreement on the part of the company that if the public wished to acquire the plant at the end of fifty years, the company would then pay the expense of destroying that plant—digging up the mains and burning the

buildings. Of course the thing is too ridiculous to contemplate, and we are sure the Sun correspondent must have got it muddled, somehow.

Also, if it is true that the Congressional committees are ready to give away the water powers, without fee or reserved control, it will soon become evident that there is executive interference in the way, now quite as much as in the days of Roosevelt. Congress would have given away the sites long ago, except for the threat of veto from Roosevelt. Now comes Taft's message, Ballinger's report, and Pinchot's policy, all insisting, though in different ways, on the Roosevelt principle. Ballinger, in fact, is standing so straight he is leaning backward. He would not even lease land to the power companies until they have first transferred their water rights to the United States, so that they will hold the water also only by leasehold. He proposes to do by contract, as Roosevelt and Pinchot did, what the House committee thinks can not be done by statute. President Taft is standing by Ballinger, and his promised special message on conservation is not going to advocate giving away water rights in perpetuity, for no charge except the price of destroying them, fifty years from now.

Now that Dr. Cook has so mysteriously disappeared, we are reminded that his chief Eskimo companion was named (as nearly as civilized letters can spell it) "I-took-a-shook." Evidently it runs in the party.

TRAFFIC TO PASS THROUGH ANDES

A barrier which separated workmen approaching from opposite directions in a tunnel through the Andes was partly broken down a few days ago. Thus is insured the closing of a gap of fifteen miles between the railroads of Chile and the Argentine Republic, perhaps by next March. The finishing touches may be given to the passageway, the height and width of which are identical with those of the Simpson tunnel, and tracks must be laid, but it is expected that both tasks can be performed inside of three months. Direct communication between Valparaiso and Buenos Ayres will then be established.

The tunnel is not more than two miles long, but much trouble was experienced in constructing the eastern part. The rock strata there were badly tilted and fissured, and water from melting snow had percolated between them. Owing to the soft and crumbling character of the material to be removed, the engineers were beset with greater embarrassments than if, as was the case in Chile, they had been called on to force their way through granite. Before the excavation was completed in Argentina the contractors who originally undertook the job gave up in despair. In view of the delay caused by the necessity for engineering there, the progress made is highly creditable for work not begun until 1905.

The air line distance from Valparaiso to Buenos Ayres is about 750 statute miles, and the route which is so to connect these cities will probably be more than 1000 miles long. The tunnel which completes the new route is shorter than several in the United States, but the establishment of a through travel overland from the Pacific to the Atlantic for the first time in the history of the world will be a notable event. The Andes have been crossed before by railway, which have traversed mountain passes. Chile has long had communication with Bolivia in this manner, and in Peru there is a short line reaching over the Cordillera. Until now, however, it has been impossible to go from ocean to ocean across South America without a change in methods of transportation.

BRAVE SOW SAVES PIGS FROM FOX

Martin Specht, a farmer of Weston, thought Halloween pranks were starting rather early one evening recently when he heard a loud commotion in his pig sty. He hurried out, but on reaching the pen, Specht found the excitement was due to the presence of some strange animal.

The young pigs were squealing, and at regular intervals there came a loud shout from the old sow, followed by a strange barking which Specht thought might be that of a dog. He climbed up on a barrel alongside the fence, and with a lantern, saw that the intruder was a large red fox.

Reverend Specht tried to steal one of the sleeping little pigs, but his squeals aroused the mother, who attacked the fox. The intruder tried to get out again, but the jump was too high to negotiate. The fox was driven to desperation, and turned on the defensive. He took a stand in the corner, and as the brave old sow dashed at him he snapped his jaws savagely. The sow closed in, and Specht rushed in and helped her. He found the fox was in his death throes on the floor.

Subsequent examination showed that the sow had driven one of her tusks clear through the skull of the fox and into its brain.—New York World.

PROTECTION FOR IRISH INDUSTRIES

Industrial associations have been organized in several parts of Ireland for the encouragement of native manufacturing and the protection of Irish-made goods against foreign competition and spurious imitations abroad. The principal leader in this movement is probably the Irish Industrial Union, which has been organized at Cork, which has registered an Irish national trademark, adopted by many Irish manufacturers, and serving as a guarantee of bona fide Irish production. Thus such widely imitated goods as Irish linen, linen, and poplin can be protected to some extent against foreign counterfeits. The association also has in hand the prosecution of persons who represent alien goods as Irish made.

Chief of the country and city fairs there have been organized exhibitions in which only Irish-made goods are shown. Public attention has been drawn to home products by inducing showkeepers to give them prominent places in their windows and counters, and an industrial meeting was recently held in Cork for the furtherance of the sale of Irish-made goods for Christmas.

The result of this effort for industrial protection has been a slow but steady increase in the number of Irish industries, and a popular bias against foreign goods is forming, which will increase the use of native-made goods.—Daily Consul and Trade Reporter.

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MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT IS BECOMING TOO COMPLICATED

In an address at Philadelphia the other day, President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University indulged in some comments upon the present trend of political "uplift" in America, which smack of good, old-fashioned, common sense. Among other things, he said, speaking of the workings of the machinery of politics:

Our attacks upon the machine are for the most part futile because they ordinarily take the form of still further elaboration of process. We forget that the form of process we introduce the practice of "initiative" and "referendum," we create the privilege of "recall," and before we are through we have given the voters so many things to do that they need the assistance of professional advisers in doing them, and can easily be outwitted by those very advisers in the very processes which were meant to free them from control.

The point made by President Wilson is that those persons who suggest remedying the evils of popular government by increasing the burdens placed upon the voter generally overlook. Admitting that the people as a whole are generally capable of reaching a final decision on vital issues, it has also to be acknowledged that a great body of the electorate lack both the machinery and the inclination to

choose in detail those who are to serve them in office.

President Wilson's plea for simplicity in our municipal governments points to an end which surely is to be desired. The experiment of government by commission, which is being tried by a number of cities following the example of Cleveland, does not appeal to the head of Princeton, because, he explained, it is "too highly concentrated."

Whatever may be the demerits of the commission plan of government, it has at least this in its favor that it is a move in the direction of simplification of the task imposed on the voter and of concentration of official responsibility. It is unfortunate that most of the cities which are trying it have complicated it with direct nominations, the referendum, recall and other elaborations. The combination of the two theories is inconsistent.

The idea of "appealing to the people" whenever anything is to be decided may seem all right in theory, but when carried out it is likely to bring only confusion. The fewer candidates and the fewer issues the voter is called upon to determine, the better will be the practical result. The trouble with so much of what passes as "reform" is that it ignores these facts of common experience.—San Francisco Chronicle.

HANDS-ACROSS-THE-SEA FABLE IS STILL HEARD IN THE LAND

College professors sometimes subscribe their names to the most extravagant statements. For instance, the following from David Starr Jordan of Stanford University:

"An American is an Englishman who has had some additional experiences, whose ancestry has been judged and tested by influences other than his home country."

This is in violent contrast to the remarks in a recent address in Berlin by Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, in which he laughed to scorn the "fable" again set up as an idol by David Starr Jordan.

An American is no more an Englishman than he is an Irishman, a German, or a Scandinavian.

In plain language, as proved by the census returns—which such aeronauts in fancy as David Starr Jordan should deny—Americans today and for half a century and more back have been and are just as much a Scandinavian as an Englishman, and far more a German or an Irishman.

On the latter point let the census of 1900 speak for itself.

Of the foreign born element, considered in 1900, natives of Germany constituted the largest proportion, or 25.8 per cent as compared with 39.1 per cent in 1890 and 26 per cent in 1880. Ireland has contributed the next largest proportion of the whole number of foreign born in 1900, 18.6 per cent as compared with 29.2 per cent in 1890 and 42.1 per cent in 1880. Natives of England represent 8.1 per cent of the total foreign born in 1900, as compared with 9.8 per cent in 1890 and 12.4 per cent in 1880.

The census of 1900 shows that the Scandinavians represented 10.3 per cent of the foreign born population, as against 8.1 per cent represented by the English, Russia and Poland furnish a percentage almost equal to that of England.

Isn't it high time the American citizens were given a large and luxurious rest on the "fable" that "an American is an Englishman," etc., etc.—Sacramento Bee.

SCARCITY OF CLEVER CRIMINALS

Experience proves that the men competent to plan and execute crimes of a special character are limited in number, and they are definitely known. When such crimes occur, therefore, the list of men who are in that line of business is examined. Some of them are found to be in seclusion—doing time—some of them are known to be out of London in the course of their business, others are proved to have been at their registered addresses on the night of the crime. So by elimination the list becomes reduced to working dimensions, and it is not difficult to go on eliminating one name after another till the delinquent is found. But to find the criminal is often easier than to obtain evidence on which to charge him.—From the December Strand.

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Capital \$150,000
 Surplus and profits (earned) \$33,000

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Old King Coal was a jolly old soul, but not so merry as they who sit by their grate never filled with slate, singing:

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Ask the consumer of the vague rumor of a coal that makes winter a myth. He'll say it is true, and all honor due to the coal of old King Great and Small.

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OUR RECORD

To those of you who are not our clients and therefore not familiar with our record we beg leave to be personal and give you the facts. We recommended the buying of the Mays Oil Company's stock at ten cents a share less than six months ago, it is now selling at close to ninety cents. We also, less than two months ago advised our clients to buy the stock of the June Oil Company at fifteen cents per share. There is a ready market for this stock today at forty-five cents.

We now recommend the purchase of the

London Consolidated Oil Company Stock at Fifteen Cents Per Share

The property of this company is located in the richest district of the Midway Oil Field, Kern county, California, and is surrounded by wells that are producing from 150 to 600 barrels of oil per day.

The company is offering only fifty thousand shares at fifteen cents, and we therefore reserve the right to return all checks received after that amount of stock has been sold.

Write for particulars, also ask for copy of our "Oil Investor."

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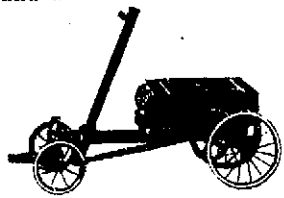
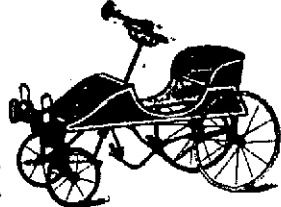
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ORDERS.**WHEELKAMP**MERCHAN-
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ORDERS.**Special Sale of Wheel Goods In the Toy Department Today**
An opportune Sale that means a big saving. We are crowded for room and want to move all bulky goods quickly.**"Youth's Companion" Hand-car and Coaster**"Youth's Companion" combination wagon or 3 in 1; can be used as a hand-car, wagon or coaster; a very attractive and sensible toy; strongly made; painted red; special for this week at **\$7.50****Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Engines \$17.50**The real thing—S. P. and Santa Fe Engines; the finest toy engine on the market; 57 inches long; finished in special varnish; hand-painted with gold bronze; polished brass hand rails and horns; enameled black; fog horn whistle, which is attached with rubber tube so that a child can blow the whistle at same time can use both hands for steering; the piston rod works back and forth when the locomotive is in motion; it is the most realistic toy locomotive made; and very reasonable at the price asked **\$17.50****Toy Wagons**Best wagon on the market; painted red, wheels dark green; all wrought iron reinforced gears; steel loop handles.
Body 6x12, 2 1/4 and 3 inch wheels, specially priced **\$6.00**
Body 9x18, 4 and 9 inch wheels, specially priced **\$1.00**
Body 11x22, 8 and 11 inch wheels, specially priced **\$1.25**
Body 12x24, 8 and 12 inch wheels, specially priced **\$1.75**
Body 13x26, 10 and 13 inch wheels, specially priced **\$2.00**
Body 14x28, 11 and 14 inch wheels, specially priced **\$2.25**
Body 15x30, 12 and 15 inch wheels, specially priced **\$2.50****Our Leader Hand-car****\$3.00**Our Leader Hand-car; wrought steel propelling handle; green finish; length 21 inches, width 17 inches, height 18 inches; seat 7x12; with cross handle; seat and frame rails finished in special auto red with gold stripes; steel tread wheels; crank axle drive; special **\$3.00**
Same thing in larger size, special **\$3.50****Automobiles**Very largest assortment of automobiles in town, including all the newest things out; the "Pullman" auto, body 12x30, with 8 and 14 inch wheels, finished in special auto red and striped; gears and wheels green; starting crank, license tag holder, front apron, Pullman auto with steel tires, special **\$3.75**
Pullman auto with rubber tires, special **\$4.50**
Big assortment of automobiles, including autos, for \$2 up to \$15**The Derby Hand-car \$7.50**"The Derby," finest hand-car on the market; wrought steel propelling handle; wrought steel gear; less powerful, increased speed, no dead center; moves backward; positive hand brakes; the hand brake is operated by simply throwing the handle forward; 3-8 inch rubber tires; gears enclosed; painted red and green; a great value; special **\$7.50****GUARANTEED SILK PETTICOATS \$4.95**

Dresden, Rajah and Plain Taffeta

Petticoats, the equal of any \$7.50 silk skirt sold in town; many choice styles; twenty rich colors; every petticoat made of a guaranteed silk. Big sale starts this morning at 9 o'clock and continues until the line is closed out. Special at **\$4.95****BEDDING****10-4 Cotton Blankets 79c**Extra fine quality 10-4 Cotton Blankets, in tan, gray and white, with colored borders; large size for double bed. Special at **79c****12-4 Cotton Blankets \$1.49**A very heavy 12-4 Cotton Blanket in white, gray or tan; full size for double bed; an extra good value **\$1.49****Extra Large Cotton Comforters \$1.95**Extra large size Cotton Comforters for double bed; in light and dark colors; filled and stitched; filled with best white carded cotton. Special **\$1.95****DRESS GOODS****50c and 59c Dress Fabrics 39c**An endless variety of all the new winter fabrics in serge, stripes and Venetian; every new desirable color; all 50c and 59c values today **39c****All 85c and 89c Dress Goods 59c**A splendid line of colors in fine quality Fall Dress Goods; all the latest weaves; regular 85c and 89c grades; special today **59c****4-yard Silk Waist Patterns \$1.75**A splendid Xmas gift; 4-yard pattern of silk suitable for waist; endless variety and colors; regular 75c to 85c a yard; special today; 4-yard waist patterns **\$1.75****SHOES****Infants' 75c Kid Shoes 49c**Infants' Kid Shoes with patent leather tips and soft glove kid uppers; made with hand turned soles in all sizes from 2 to 5 1/2; a 75c quality; special **49c****Sale of Boys' Calf School Shoes**Boys' nobby box calf school shoes, made on the new romper last with extension soles; all solid leather throughout; a good wet weather shoe. Sizes 9 to 13 1/2. Special **\$1.25**
Sizes 14 to 2. Special **\$1.50**
Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2. Special **\$1.75****Ladies' 75c Waterproof Spats 49c**Ladies' all wool waterproof spats; made with 6 buttons; come in black, brown and green; the regular 75c quality; for tomorrow, special **49c****SPECIAL ITEMS FOR MEN**

In the Furnishing Goods Aisle

A Great Suspender Special 25cThe famous "Pioneer" brand suspenders, in line and silk web; wide and narrow widths; large variety of patterns; good quality of trimmings; French kid and calf ends; a value worth double the price asked **25c****Men's New Neckwear 25c**New arrival of men's Neckwear; all the latest colorings and designs, in pure silk fabrics; new shapes in four-in-hands, clubs and string ties; beautiful new showing. Special values at **25c****Men's Cashmere Half Hose 25c**Men's natural gray Half Hose; 2 weights, light and medium; perfectly seamless; reinforced heels and toes; all sizes, 9 1/2 to 12; also in black. Special value **25c****Final Clean-Up in the Millinery Parlors**

Choice of any Trimmed Hat in the House—For Today

\$3.98**XMAS SPECIALS IN THE FANCY GOODS****Children's Purses 48c**A big line of Children's Fancy Imported Hand Bags and Chain Bags; a big sample line, no two alike; all kinds of leather, all styles and colors; purses in the lot worth up to \$1.50 each on special sale **48c****Ladies' \$1.00 Kid Gloves at 79c**Ladies' 2-clasp Kid Gloves in black, brown, tan, mode, navy and green; regular \$1.00 quality; Paris point stitching; all sizes; special **79c****Ladies' \$1.50 Mocha Gloves \$1.29**A very fine grade of Mocha Kid Gloves; in best shades of tan, mode and navy; 2-clasp length; nearly all sizes; the regular \$1.50 quality; special **\$1.29****Ladies' Flannelette Petticoats 29c**Ladies' Flannelette Petticoats; made of fine heavy quality flannelette in pink and blue stripes; cut very full and made with deep ruffles; buttonhole stitched edge; a big value for **29c****Beautiful Ribbon Coat Hangers \$1.65**Magnificent fancy Ribbon Coat Hangers; made of the finest quality satin finish ribbon, in exquisite designs; finished with rosettes of narrow ribbons to match; performed with richest powder; a big assortment to select from; specially priced at **\$1.65****75c Box Ruching 43c**Finest quality of Neck Ruching; 6 neck lengths packed in neat Holly box; either all white or assorted white and colored effects; this is the regular 75c box on special sale for Holiday week at **43c****New Dutch Collar and Belt Pins 25c and 50c**An endless line of new effects in Dutch Collar and Belt Pins just arrived for the Holiday season; all new and exclusive designs in novel ideas, and worth double the price asked; special values at **25c, 50c****18 Karat Inlaid Combs 79c**A pretty assortment of 18-karat solid gold inlaid Black Combs with Rhinestone settings; in unique designs; combs that are sold elsewhere at \$1.00 on special sale **79c****\$1.50 and \$2.00 Fancy Ribbons 69c**The most magnificent assortment of Fancy Ribbons ever sold in Fresno; 1/2 to 6 inches wide; exquisite designs and beautiful color combinations; just what you want for fancy work and Xmas gifts; worth up to \$2.00 a yard, special **69c****35c and 50c Fancy Ribbons at 25c**Hundreds of pretty designs in Wide Fancy Ribbons for fancy work; Dresden stripes and warp prints; 1/2 to 6 inches wide; beautiful quality and every desirable color combination; values up to 50c a yard, special **25c****Sale of Sample Wool Hose 25c**A big lot of Ladies' Wool Hose; the sample line of a big New York importing house; hundreds of different kinds; black, gray and navy; actual values up to 50c a pair, special **25c****\$4.00 Umbrellas at \$2.39**Ladies' 25-inch Umbrellas made on national frames with steel rods; covered with fine pleated taffeta; mounted with gold plated and sterling silver handles; big assortment; \$4.00 values, special at **\$2.39****THE FIRST ENGLISH ACTRESS.**

No English actress made her appearance before the Restoration. On January 3rd Pepys records: "To the theatre, where was acted the 'Beggar's Bush'; it being very well done and here the first time that ever I saw women come upon the stage." But these, it is suspected, were mere "walking ladies." A few days later the diarist went to see a performance of "The Silent Woman." Among other things here Kynaston, the boy, had the good turn to appear in three shapes—first as a poor woman in ordinary clothes, in a gull, and then as a clear, pretentious woman in the whole house. He had a year before declared that "Kynaston as Olympia made the loveliest lady that I ever saw in my life."

The distinction of being the first English actress has been variously ascribed to Mrs. Davenant, Mrs. Knolly and Mrs. Davies. They all appeared the same year (1661), Mrs. Davenant, together with the principal actresses in Sir William Davenant's company, being buried in the manager's "own house." From when as since, however, in the December Strand.

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICANRepublican's Telephone.
Business Office, Main 97.
Editorial Rooms, Main 101.
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Press Room, Main 914.**WEATHER CONDITIONS**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13 The following maximum and minimum temperatures are reported from Eastern stations for previous day:
Chicago 35-41; New York 34-50; Omaha 30-37.
Forecast, San Joaquin valley: Fair on Tuesday; warmer; light west winds.**GENERAL CONDITIONS**Precipitation has been quite general during the last 24 hours, east of the Rocky mountains, and accompanying a storm now central over the Ohio valley and the lake region. Snow is falling on the North Atlantic coast, where low temperatures prevail, and rain is falling at several interior points. The heaviest precipitation reported, 1.75 inches, occurred at Montgomery.
Precipitation continues in the Pacific Northwest, but an area of high pressure is oversteering the Pacific slope and the conditions are favorable for general fair weather in Fresno and vicinity tonight and Tuesday, though there will be more or less cloudiness at intervals. If the sky clears tonight frost is likely Tuesday morning.
W. D. FULLER, Local Forecaster.Air temperature 42
Highest temperature yesterday 44
Lowest temperature yesterday 34
Humidity (percentage of) 85
Wind S.W. (mi. per hr.) 5
Thursday: fair.**LOCAL BREVITIES**Visit Hollands' crockery Department when doing Your Christmas shopping.
Ask for Danish Creamery butter.
Dr. Cockrell, dentist, Patterson Block.
Kate Parsons, florist, 1915 Fresno St.
Sundowner seed, Hollis-Parsons Seed Co.
Willow wood \$8 per cord delivered.
Phone Main 49.Alfalfa seed, 15c and 16c. C. M. Chalon corner Fresno and C.
Keep your valuables in a safe deposit box at Fresno National bank. Costs \$3 a year.

Christmas Gifts for men at Nymann Levy's, exclusive gent's furnisher and hatter, 1936 Mariposa st. See windows.

When you do your Christmas shopping, don't forget to make a Christmas present of your Kutter coupons to the Y. W. C. A.

Hog feed \$10 ton. Caprice oil cake, Caprice Oil cake meat, California Products Co., south end O street and Butler avenue.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the First M. E. church will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the church parlors.

The Welcome Circle of First Presbyterian church will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. S. F. Glasgow, 2125 Tulare street.

The lone tender of Holland & Holland to furnish the county with grocery supplies has been rejected. A call has been ordered published for new bids, which the supervisors will open on the 21st inst.

Incorporation has been had by the filing of articles by the Sierra Madre Oil company of Colquhoun, with \$100,000 authorized and \$50-subscribed stock, shares of the par value of \$1 each. Subscribers are W. R. Gullerson, J. J. Long, L. S. P. Walsh, H. F. Holmer and J. C. Mayhew, each for 10 shares. They are also the officers.

Free—\$2.00—Free: To the person having the greatest number of Yosemite Valley coupons by January 1 to be found in every sack of Purdy Flour, will be given \$2.00 in gold absorbing from Yosemite Valley. Free trip contest. Coupons with name and address written plainly upon each must be in the Fresno office, corner 11 and Kern streets, Fresno, until after 12 o'clock, noon, December 20th, 1930.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Fannie T. Barker, chief deputy county school superintendent, was summoned on Sunday because of the sudden death of her brother, Roderic K. Barker, of Georgetown in El Dorado county.

J. M. and R. E. Stevens of Selma are at the Fulton.

Charles Hill of Hanford is stopping at the Fulton.

T. H. Elliott of Selma is a guest at the Grand Central.

H. B. Shires of Visalia is registered at the Grand Central.

J. L. Decker and wife of San Jose are at the Sequoia.

H. L. Owens is among the late arrivals at the Fulton from Hanford.

W. D. Nelson is registered at the Fulton from Hanford.

J. J. Macdonald of Colquhoun is staying at the Sequoia.

George W. Francis, a prominent merchant of Wheatville, is at the Fulton.

W. G. Berry of Selma is a guest at the Grand Central.

C. E. Chastine of Crane Valley is among the late arrivals at the Fulton.

J. E. Burnett of Sanger is stopping at the Fulton.

Edwin Thompson of Sultana is registered at the Fulton.

H. Helm of Tulare is at the Grand Central.

Thomas Gilbert of Colquhoun is a guest at the Fulton.

Preston Morris of Stockton is at the Sequoia.

Thomas Ockendon of the Ockendon summer resort on Pine Ridge, is a visitor in Fresno.

C. S. Flores and L. B. Rogers were passengers to San Francisco last night.

Will P. S. Baker of Sacramento is a guest at the Sequoia.

M. Hansen of San Diego is stopping at the Sequoia.

P. A. Ziegler, traveling freight agent of the Rock Island railway line, was a visitor in Fresno yesterday from San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Thompson of San Jose are at the Sequoia.

Jack Gibbons of San Francisco is staying at the Fulton.

E. E. Manning returned yesterday from a business trip to Modesto.

Mrs. W. L. Lumbard and daughter Mrs. F. L. Gibson and granddaughter, aged 4 weeks, arrived yesterday from Oakland. Mrs. Gibson will visit with her mother until after the holidays.

A. G. Wilson, manager of the San Joaquin Light and Power company, has returned from Los Angeles, via Colquhoun. While in Southern California, Mr. Wilson assisted A. C. Babb in the final organization of the new Colquhoun Power and Water company, which will run a line from Leucore to the oil fields. The old power house at the oil center was formerly taken over by the new corporation.

BORN
FORBES—In Fresno, No. 1146 O street, December 13, 1930, to the wife of R. A. Forbes, a son.DIED
CARROLL—In this city, December 13, 1930, Nellie Jane Carroll, a native of Michigan, aged 4 years, 2 months.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend funeral services Tuesday, December 16, 1930, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. from Ball Room, chapel, Interment Mountain View cemetery.

**OUR CLOSING
...OUT SALE...****Benefiting Thousands of People of Fresno and Adjacent Communities**

Everything in every department of our store is greatly reduced in price. All Holiday goods are offered at remarkable savings. All kinds of wearing apparel have been deeply cut in price. Blankets, Linens, Domestics—at the lowest prices ever known. You are face to face with the most wonderful saving opportunities you have ever been offered, and will be offered for many years to come. It behooves you to come and buy now and profit by the chance, as thousands from every part of the valley are doing.

Toyland Must Be Closed Out By Christmas

The Toys and Dolls in our great Toy Store were bought long before we decided to retire from business, and extra large stocks were secured to make our Toyland the biggest and best we ever had. And now this great stock of new toys must be sold out entirely before Christmas. Consequently, everything has been reduced in price. You buy mechanical toys, wagons, games, dolls—everything—anything in our Toy Store at a big saving. It is the first time reliable toys were ever offered at this time below value. Profit by it.

A Great Sale of Pocket Knives and Razors In Our Hardware Store

Pocket Knives and Razors make very excellent gifts for men and boys, and today there will be a great sale of every pocket knife and razor in our Hardware Store at

1-3 Off the Regular Prices

These are the best knives and razors made. All kinds and sizes. Come early.

Louis Einstein & Co.
FRESNO'S MOST PROGRESSIVE STORE**Sightseeing With Reservations.**

Out of the Grand Central station the other day came a couple the sight of whom caused citizens who saw them to admit to themselves that there might be, after all, some basis of truth in the "Uncle Josh" jokes of the allegedly funny papers. The old man grasped his carpet bag and bulging green umbrella firmly, and looked up and down the street, his mouth agape.

"There's a heap o' sights in New York, I guess, Maria," he said. "I mindn't if we see them all."

The old lady's mouth set grimly.

"Well, Sias," she replied, and her manner was more than significant, "bein' us 'im with you, there's sartin' I expect that you ain't goin' to see."

—Lippincott's.

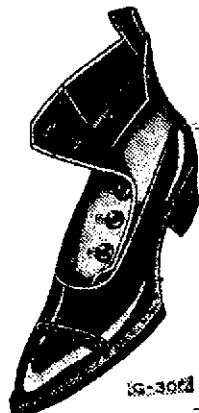
The Vulcan Red Cone Gas Heater

"Heats like a furnace." Gives more heat with less gas consumption than any heater on the market. With this heater you can warm a room in but a fraction of the time required by a coal or wood stove.

AGENTS.

DONAHOO-EMMONS & CO.**Only a Few Days More****The Greatest Shoe Sale Ever Held In Fresno Will Be at an End**

\$10,000 worth of the highest grade of Footwear manufactured, bought at the bankrupt sale of Groves & Chase, Modesto, Calif., on sale at 50 cents on the dollar.

**Women's \$4.00 Evening Slippers on Sale for \$1.95 pair.**

Patent kid and French kid vamps; one, two and five straps, some have beaded vamps and straps, most of them have French heels; Chas. K. Fox and Guptil's high grade foot wear.

Men's, Women's and Children's Moc-**casins on Sale at Less Than Cost of Manufacture.**Women's on sale for a pair **\$1.15**Men's on sale for a pair **\$1.35**Misses' 11 1/2 to 2, on sale for, pair **80c**Child's, 5 to 11, on sale for, pair **70c**Infants', 2 to 5, on sale for, pair **60c****Women's \$1.50 Felt Juliettes on Sale for 75c a pair**

Colors—black, brown and red; fur trimmed, hand turned soles.

Women's \$1.00 Felt Bath Slippers on Sale for 55c a pair.

Made of imported gray felt; absorbent in-

soles.

Misses' \$1.75 School Shoes on Sale for \$1.15 a pair.

Made of vici kid or box calf; blucher cut; extension soles; sizes 8 to 2.

Misses' \$2.00 Dress Shoes on Sale for \$1.35 a pair.

Made of selected vici kid; dull calf tops; extension or light single soles; sizes 8 1/2 to 2

Young Men's \$3.00 Dress Shoes on Sale for \$1.95 a pair.

Patent kid or vici kid shoes; new styles; Goodyear welted soles; sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2.

300 Pairs Men's Dress Shoes. Values up to \$5.00, on Sale for \$2.65 a pair.

The famous March & Franklin and Harlow shoes; hand sewed throughout. All leather.

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200 Uniforms for Street Car Men, Double and Single Breasted, Fine Materials, Regular \$16.50 Now \$12.50

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\$2.50 worsted and finely lined	\$1.85
\$3.00 and \$3.50 Pants	\$2.25
\$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 Pants	\$3.50
\$6.00 and \$6.50 Pants	\$4.75
\$7.00, \$7.50 and \$8.00 Pants, hand tailored	\$5.85

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\$7.50 Smoking Jackets, now	\$4.85
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\$10.00 Dressing Gowns, now	\$7.25

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\$2.50 values at	\$1.90
\$2.00 values at	\$1.60
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\$1.50 and \$1.75 values now	\$1.30
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Fine Silk and Wool Lined Gloves

\$2.00 values	\$1.50	50c values	35c
\$1.00 values	75c	25c values	20c
\$1.50 values	\$1.05		

\$1.50 Suspenders and Tie to match	\$1.00
\$2.25 Suspenders and Tie to match	\$1.60
\$3.00 Suspenders and Tie to match	\$2.25
25c Fancy Arm Bands	20c
25c Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs	20c

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\$4.00 Sweet Orrs and "Can't Bust Em," peg hips and cuffs	\$3.25
\$3.50 light and dark colors	\$2.50
\$3.00 exceptional values for that, now	\$2.25

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\$2.00 values Wool Underwear, now	\$1.45 gar.
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\$1.00 values Wool Underwear, now	85c gar.
75c values Wool Underwear, now	50c gar.
50c Ribbed Underwear, now	35c gar.

Union Suits

\$1.50 values, sale price	\$1.15
\$2.50 values, sale price	\$1.85
\$3.00 values, sale price	\$2.40
\$4.00 values, sale price	\$3.15

\$1.50 Night Shirts, now	\$1.10
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\$1.50 and \$2.00 values, sale price	95c
75c values, sale price	50c
50c values, sale price	35c

Boys' \$2.50 Sweater Coats, all colors, now . . \$1.75

50c Fancy Sox, sale price	25c
\$1.50 value fur lined gauntlet Gloves, sale price	\$1.00
\$1.00 lined gauntlet Gloves	75c
25c linen Handkerchiefs, 3 for	50c
25c wool Sox, 3 for	50c
All 50c Work Shirts, now	35c

50c Bradley Mufflers	40c
50c blue Chambray Work Shirts	35c
25c Neckwear, 3 for	50c
\$1.25 Negligee Shirts	75c
\$1.00 Negligee Shirts	55c
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Dress Shirts	\$1.05
\$1.00 Dress Shirts	75c
\$1.50 Bradley Mufflers	\$1.00
\$2.00 Corduroy Shirts	\$1.50
\$3.50 fine Flannel Shirts	\$2.85

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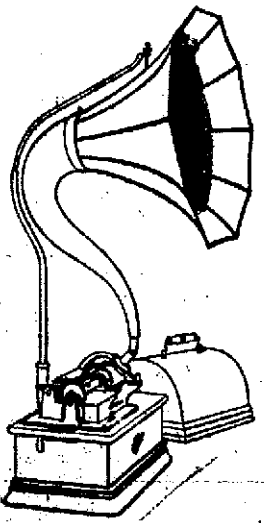


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MATTERS BEFORE THE SUPERIOR COURT

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INTERESTING TO ALL PRODUCERS IS PLEADED IN LAND CASE DISPUTE NEW TRIAL IN THE HENRY CASE

Seller Does Not Have to Account for Royalty Product.
Two Years' Sentence on a Building and Loan Notes Like the Brook Run on Forever.
Judgment Against Selma Fruit Co. on Claim for Raisins.
Kabadayan Wants Name Nurse Plummer Secured Judgment Against the Johnson Estate.

Judge Austin gave judgment yesterday in favor of the Coalinga Pacific Oil and Gas Company against the Associated Oil Company in a case in which the finding has been awaited with much interest by oil producers in this county.

The Coalinga company is operating under a lease from the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, by the terms of which the railroad is entitled to one-sixth of the oil produced, or of the proceeds of sales. In September, 1908, the Coalinga entered into a contract with the Associated company to sell and deliver to the latter before October, 1908, 300,000 barrels of oil at the rate of 15 cents per barrel.

By January, 1909, 300,000 barrels of oil had been delivered and the defendant was notified that its contract to deliver was completed. Acting upon the theory that the contract had been completed, the Associated company then agreed with the Coalinga company to take the latter's oil on daily runs thereafter at the rate of 40 cents per barrel, the price of oil having risen. The plaintiff continued to deliver oil until the end of February, when it received a check for oil delivered during January and February, but at the rate of 18 cents per barrel. The Coalinga company having delivered 150,000 barrels during the two months. This check was refused and correspondence developed the claim by the Associated that the original 300,000 barrel contract was not yet completed, and that therefore the 40 cent contract was made, if at all, under a misunderstanding.

Attorneys Sutherland and Barbour then brought suit for the plaintiff company against the Associated for the balance due on account of the original contract, amounting to \$2261.85, and for an additional sum of \$259.62 claimed to be due for 3994 barrels of oil at the rate of 40 cents per barrel.

In a cross-complaint the Associated demanded \$20,444 as damages for the failure to complete the 300,000 barrel contract. Its contention was that while the plaintiff had delivered more than 300,000 barrels of oil, only five-sixths of the amount actually delivered was delivered under the contract, one-sixth having been the property of the railroad company and having been turned over to it as received.

At the trial attorneys Sutherland and Barbour relied upon the contract of the Coalinga company and the Associated company, contending that the contract with the Associated called for the delivery of all oil produced on the land, and that its lease gave it the right to sell the oil. In answer to the Associated's contention that it had delivered one-sixth of the oil received to the railroad company, as royalty, the reply was that it made no difference to the Coalinga what the Associated had done with the oil received by it, and that when the total quantity of 300,000 barrels had been delivered by it to the defendant the contract was complete.

Judge Austin sustains in his decision the plaintiff's contention that the original contract is fully completed, and judgment was for the total sum of \$2861.47.

JUDGMENT AS PRAYED FOR.

The trial of the case of E. M. Stevens & Son against the Selma Fruit Company was closed yesterday. Arguments were had and immediately thereupon Judge Austin gave judgment for the full sum prayed for. The suit was to recover \$2892.55 on a consignment of raisins delivered to the defendant in 1908, to the company defendant, and realized upon by the Selma Fruit Company, Inc., as its successor, the plaintiff receiving only a check, payment of which has never been had because of the dispute in the bill of the two companies on the account \$114.19 in a check, but that paper never has been presented for payment. Attorney Caldwell for the defendant company says the case will be appealed on the point of the authority of Secretary and Manager Elliott of the incorporated company to agree upon a stated account with the liability for the other company. Judge Austin remarked that the defense was only a technical one, the goods had been delivered and the goods and evidence of the debt and obligation given under corporate authority.

WANTS ALIMONY.

Martha Romer, who was divorced from Lorenz Romer on April 1 day last, with an award of \$25 monthly alimony, has had him cited to show cause on the afternoon of the 20th inst. why he has not paid the accrued alimony. She has also secured an order of court forbidding Lorenz Romer to pay the accrued alimony without pending adjudication of the demand for awarded alimony.

GIVEN HIS COMMISSION.

A judgment as prayed for in the sum of \$2861 was the award of Judge Austin in the suit of E. M. Stevens & Son against the Selma Fruit Company. The plaintiff's commission for bringing about a sale of oil land. The defendant and others formed an oil company and as such bought the land from the Kern Oil Company independent of the plaintiff, which is initiated by and pending with Gonyer.

DIVORCE SUITS.

Phoebe A. Ray has sued Perry Ray and Agnes Holland has filed complaint against Frank O. Holland for divorce on the ground of desertion.

INJURED IN CHUTES LAKE.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—At Chutes Park today two boys were badly injured when a boat which had descended the incline, crashed into another boat, which was at the bottom of the incline. Fyris Prepenitz, 9 years old, and William Reese, 10, who were in the boat on the incline, were struck on the head, Prepenitz sustaining a concussion of the brain and Reese an injury about the head which may be of a serious nature.

WEATHERPORT, Ky., Dec. 12.—A

rescue party entered the Baker mine of the West Kentucky Coal company today in search of six negro miners imprisoned in the second level yesterday. Fire in the mine has been burning steadily and it is hardly possible that the rescuers will penetrate

The kinks in a land title complication are straightened out in part by the answer filed yesterday in the suit of Dudley Sebrer, Timothy Masterman and J. B. Alcorn against C. L. Thompson, he denying that they are the owners of the property in dispute, but that since August 21, 1901, of the north sixty acres of the west half of the northwestern quarter of 18-12-12.

In substantiation of his claim Thompson tells the story of a success which he claims to have made in April, 1893, Joseph McKinney died in San Joaquin county, owning property of which that in dispute was a part. McKinney left a will, which bequeathed all to Olive A. Jennings, the wife and probated and later issued to Douglas Luce and Joseph Brichetto. The plaintiffs named were in fact the sole heirs, resident in Kentucky, and as Thompson claims made an agreement with the defendant, J. H. Kyle of Harpersville, Mo., dated May 25, 1893, to contest the will and secure its revocation, Kyle as attorney to receive one-half of all property of the estate provided it did not exceed \$20,000, and if so then to receive one-third.

Thompson submits a copy of that contract and alleges that Kyle at his own expense came to California, entered upon the contest for the Kentuckians, hired counsel to assist him, and after proceedings had in San Joaquin county also appeared in the Superior Court, the probate of the will was canceled and said judgment has become final. Thereafter the property described was by decree awarded to the plaintiffs in undivided shares. There was a division between Kyle and Thompson, and according to the contract for the contest, based on an estate valuation of \$40,917.66, Kyle's share was not exceeding \$20,000 and all else remained as the sole and separate property of the plaintiffs.

The disputed property was a part of that which went to Kyle, with the exception of that theretofore conveyed by Kyle to Thompson, and on August 11, 1901, Kyle made bargain and sale deed to Thompson of part of the north 60 section property, namely the north 60 section of 18-12-12, receiving for it \$12,000, and the conveyance on June 30, 1896, of the whole of the described portion to the defendants on August 2, 1901, the latter says with the knowledge and approval of the plaintiffs.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED.

Wilfred D. Thompson pleading guilty yesterday to burglary of a Southern Pacific car on the 10th of October, 1908, and to the charge of being a felon, somewhat later, was sentenced to 18 months in the county jail, but the sentence was suspended for two years, but it was suspended and the accused was released on parole with instructions to report monthly to County Deputies. Thompson's co-defendant has until tomorrow to enter his plea.

The reasons why leniency was shown Thompson are twofold, one that he is only 22 years of age and the other that he has wife and two babies, aged 4 and 2 years in Oakland dependent upon his support. Yet another consideration was the one that after arrest Thompson aided the authorities while Wellington pursued the accused and captured them. Attorney W. D. Critchton made the plea for the accused who was accompanied in court by sister and other relatives. They shed tears of joy when they learned of the order of release on probation.

The old and the new story was told to account for the young man's downfall that he wandered from home and fell in with evil companions, who tempted him to steal from his employer. It has been the impression of the authorities that others in the railroad company's employ than the two accused helped to loot the freight car, stealing goods consigned to K. G. & Co. at Hanford.

WANTS NAME CHANGED.

John Kabadayan, being in the mercantile business in this city, wants his name changed to John Kabadayan. He says in his petition to the court that there are others bearing and having names spelled and pronounced the same as his, and as a consequence there is a constant confusion in mail, business and financial matters between him and the others bearing that name. The hearing will be had before Judge Church on the afternoon of the 16th inst. The petition of the petitioner to be changed at least once a week for four weeks in the meantime.

EATEN UP BY DEBS.

Estate of Luis F. Ramos has been appraised at \$3,500 in the west quarter of the south half of the northwest quarter of 22-14-23, also a half acre one rod wide along the east line of the south half of the northeast quarter of 21. The claim of Alex. Telxera, one of the appraisers, has been allowed for \$2,119.69 on a \$2,000 note dated at San Francisco, October 22, 1908, payable in one day at 6 per cent, also the claim by N. F. Ramos for \$1,211.40 on a note of October 22, 1908, for two years at 6 per cent, jointly signed by the deceased and Telxera.

HERITANCE TAX DUE.

Judge Church fixed upon \$5.41 as the tax due the estate on the \$603.35 cleared estate of Giuseppe Giaccchio on the inheritance of a cousin in Jackson, Amsterdam county.

HORSE TRACKS KEPT AS THE EVIDENCE

LYONS, Kans., Dec. 12.—Horse tracks made last June and carefully preserved by the state authorities since that time will be introduced in evidence in the trial of Ora Turner here today, who is being tried for the murder of Roy Snyder. The horse prints were found near the scene of the murder and the state will attempt to show that they are identical with those of Turner's horse. Hoof prints of Snyder's horse have been taken in Clayden's horse will also be examined. Both men were rivals for the hand of a young woman.

AGRICULTURISTS IN SESSION.

ROME, Dec. 12.—Delegates from forty-six states and colonies are represented in the general assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture, now in session here. The rules excluding representatives of the press from the sittings was rescinded yesterday.



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A letter congratulating Secretary Robertson of the Chamber of Commerce on the splendid exhibit sent to the exhibition at Omaha, has been received by Robertson from E. M. Cobb, traveling passenger agent for the Union Pacific, the road which has been holding or rather superintending the exhibition. The letter follows: Secretary of the Commercial Club, Fresno, Cal.:

The splendid exhibit you promised me has reached us at Omaha. Sorry we didn't get in time for the Stock Show at Chicago, but it is so splendid and so large and in such good shape we are constrained to be thoroughly satisfied and have a kick coming.

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Everybody says and I am very sure myself that we have the finest and largest exhibit we have ever had. This has been made possible by the efforts of the various commercial clubs that I have visited.

I want to thank you personally as well as for the Harriman system for your hearty co-operation in this work. Assuring you that we stand ready to reciprocate at any time, I am,

Very truly yours,
E. M. COBB,
Traveling Passenger Agent.

SUPERVISORS MAY MEET AT STOCKTON

Movement to Reconvene the
Convention That Dis-
persed in San Jose.

The supervisors of this county went on record yesterday as favoring Stockton as the place for reconvening the State Supervisors' Convention. In so voting the board acceded to the official request made by A. L. Hubbard of the board of supervisors of Santa Clara county and chairman of the State Supervisors' Convention of April, 1908.

Mr. Hubbard had been requested by supervisors throughout the state to reconvene the body, which dispersed so unconventionally at San Jose in April, 1908, using the word "dispersed" advisedly because while the convention acted on motion in the matter it could hardly be called a formal adjournment and certainly the convention has not since been heard from.

Before reconvening the supervisors by call, he desired to learn the wishes of boards throughout the state, suggesting that a brief business session be held at San Jose and taking adjournment to some other city, Stockton, desiring for one the presence of the convention.

Another suggestion was that the call be issued to meet at some place designated, but at any rate, the wishes of the majority would govern the matter. The legislature will meet in 1911 and a convention held in April or May next would enable the supervisors gathered then to agree upon what changes if any it is wished to present to the legislature.

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**More Conditions Added
TO ORIGINAL CALL
FOR BIDS**

**Trustees Not Responsible
for Failure to Deliver
Raisins.**

**Sum of \$20,000 to be Placed
in Bank on Bid for
Muscats.**

In addition to the terms mentioned in the call for bid on the tonnage in the raisin pool, Thomas H. Lynch, D. S. Snodgrass and A. L. Sayre, trustees of the pool, have made several other specifications which bidders will have to follow if they wish to secure the raisins now being held by the trustees. The first call for bids was issued yesterday morning and the call will be continued until Thursday morning, as the bids are to be all in by Thursday noon. The addition to the call is as follows:

With reference to sale of raisins advertised by the undersigned, it is understood that the undersigned hold said raisins, in trust for various owners, subject to the terms of a certain Memorandum of Agreement and also a certain Resolution containing one of the clauses of said Agreement, copies of which are hereto attached.

The undersigned are not to be held responsible, or in damage, for the failure of any of said owners of said raisins, with whom it has made said contracts, to deliver their respective raisins or any portion thereof, without fault on the part of the undersigned.

Any purchaser of said raisins shall have all the rights and advantages accruing to the undersigned, under the terms and conditions, of the said hereto annexed contracts and copy of a certain resolution.

All remedies and rights of such purchaser, however, to be enforced without cost or expense to the undersigned. It is understood and agreed that all of said raisins so to be sold at the time of delivery are sound, well cured and merchantable, and in case of dispute between the purchaser and the owner of any of said raisins, as to the quality thereof, such dispute is to be settled by three arbitrators, said purchaser selecting one, the owners of the raisins selecting one and the two arbitrators selecting the third, and the decision of the majority of the arbitrators shall be conclusive and final.

The successful bidder for said raisins shall deposit in the Fresno National Bank the sum to-wit:

For the Muscats \$20,000
For the Thompson Seedless 5,000
For the Sultan Seedless 5,000
For the Malaga 2,000

Which sum shall be held by the said bank to secure the faithful performance by said purchaser or purchasers of their agreements, in the premises. Said sum to be returned to said purchaser upon the faithful performance of the terms of said sale contract.

All of said "grower" contracts held by the undersigned shall be placed in escrow with some person or persons, to be agreed upon by the undersigned and the purchaser of any of said raisins and until sales shall be finally consummated for each respective variety.

Copy of resolutions adopted unanimously by the various growers of growers' contracts at the meeting held at Armory hall December 11th, 1909:

Resolved, That part of the growers' contract reading "Delivered by first party to, b. nearest railroad shipping point or packing house, same to be designated by second parties" shall be construed to mean and is intended to mean that the first party shall have the option of delivering his raisins at the shipping point nearest to his vineyard, or at a packing house or warehouse, to which his raisins may be delivered, happens to be nearer than a railroad shipping point, then such packing house or warehouse shall be designated by second parties or their assigns.

**YOUTH OF 6 GOES
GUNNING FOR BEAR**

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12.—Willie Henry, an orphan, 6 years old, started out on a real bear hunt today with an air gun purchased with \$1 worth of tag-day receipts he had received from last Saturday's charity sale.

William Henry was coming true to the little fellow when he gained possession of so much money, and without confiding in his young friends he stole into Sacramento from an orphanage in the suburbs and purchased the weapon and a goodly supply of ammunition. Indians and bears rudely disappeared from his fantastic visions when it was discovered at the orphanage that Willie had used the money received for the tags, so they made him return the gun and hand over the money to the tag-day committee.

NINE WORKMEN SUFFOCATED.
NAPLES, December 12.—Nine workmen were suffocated to death when working in a compressed air compartment in the harbor today. Three others were rescued.

LODI IS READY FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

City Engineer C. P. Jensen has returned from Lodi, in San Joaquin county, where he was last week making an appraisal of the value of the water works and electric light plant. Lodi proposes to test the proposition of public municipal ownership of public utilities, and will make an offer for the purchase of the plant based on the expert appraisal made by Engineer Jensen. Lodi is a town of from 2,000 to 3,000 inhabitants, and has voted \$100,000 bonds for a sewer system and to acquire the private corporation water and electric light plant. The money is in bank, drawing interest, ready to be turned over as soon as its offer of purchase is accepted.

ELEVATOR IS TESTED AND PAYMENT MADE

The elevator in the court house is in commission, having been officially accepted yesterday afternoon by the action of Supervisor Jorgensen, seconded by Hoffman. The last payment was also ordered made to the Lodi Iron Works of Los Angeles through J. H. Burnett of this city. The warrant was for \$2,757, half of the contract price of \$7,574. The official test was made last Saturday, when the weight of eighteen average sized men was lifted 150 to 160 feet in one minute.

WAR OF ROSES SWELLS Y. W. C. A. MEMBERSHIP

When the Contest Closes
Tomorrow Roll Will
Show 600.

The board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association met yesterday afternoon to discuss the contest. During the last month the association has made a number of improvements and reports showed progress in many ways.

There are no special plans being made to celebrate the holiday season in a social way for many of the girls have outside plans, so all social activities are to be postponed until January.

The membership of the association has increased 174 during the past year. Of course this gain is largely due to the activity promoted by the War of the Roses. This lively scramble to close the contest of the contest is inspiring extra efforts on these last days. Three times the lead changed yesterday until at latest report the red roses were running ahead.

The membership now shows about 525 enrolled and by the time the contest closes it will probably reach well up into the 600 mark.

The classes are all to close next week for over the holidays. The gymnasium class has been particularly successful this year under the tutelage of the Y. M. C. A. Much interest has also been taken in the millinery class which has progressed rapidly under the supervision of Miss Ruby Will.

A deal of practical work has been accomplished in this class which will be resumed after the holidays along with other classes, and it is hoped new ones may be added.

Miss Houston, who was congratulated upon the success in her junior department which came before the public on Saturday night for their first entertainment. The doll exhibition was a marked success and gave the public an opportunity of seeing just what these young people are doing and what important members they make.

AGRICULTURAL YEAR BOOK IS NOW READY

Congressman Needham Has
Several That He Will
Distribute.

Congressman Needham has addressed a letter to Secretary Robertson of the Chamber of Commerce in which he states that he has a number of copies of the Year-Book of the Department of Agriculture which he is desirous of distributing, and he desires to know the names of people who would like a copy and who would appreciate it.

Secretary Robertson has made a request that the names be sent to him and he will endeavor to see that they secure one. Congressman Needham's letter is as follows:

Mr. William Robertson, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Fresno, Cal.
Dear Sir:—

Under separate cover I am directing that a copy of the latest issue of the Year-Book, Department of Agriculture, be sent you. After looking over the same, I wish you would kindly write me and submit a list of names of persons whom you think would be interested in this publication. I have quite a number of copies of the work and desire to get it in the hands of those who will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,
J. C. NEEDHAM.

CIVIL WAR PAPERS FOUND IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—In a rusty tin box which had reposed undisturbed in the vaults of the subtreasury here since the Civil War, a number of musty old documents of great historical importance have just been discovered by experts and preserved either here or in Washington. One of the more interesting documents is a record which shows to what expedients the government was sometimes compelled to resort to obtain funds with which to defray the expenses of the army during the Civil War. Through this paper fifty New York bankers turned over to the government on a single day's notice \$1,200,000. At that time the government was very much in need of a speedy moving forward of the sinews of war. The paper bears the date of November 11, 1862.

GAS CAUSED HIS DEATH.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—Frank Crafts, a laborer 28 years of age, was found dead in a room in a long-house here today. The gas was turned on but had been committed and it was thought that the gas had been left burning when the man retired and in some way the flame had gone out, leaving the gas escaping in the room.

TWO TEACHERS DROWN.
OAK HARBOR, Ohio, December 12.—Nelson David and Mary Mylander, both school teachers, were drowned today while skating on the Portage river.

NORTH PARK TREES ARE IN DANGER OF BEING CUT DOWN

This Is Result of Double-
Tracking on Forth-
camp Avenue.

Property Owners Will Try
to Save Them by Wid-
ening Sidewalks.

Five shade trees, eight or ten years old, that were set out in North Park by William D. Bridge when he cut the tract into town lots and sold them, are doomed, apparently, with the proposition of curbing and sidewalk-laying J street from Merced and its continuation of Forthcamp avenue as far as Belmont avenue.

The resolution of intention to do the work was passed by the city trustees on Monday evening, one week ago, and already property owners are moving to save those trees from the axe. Undoubtedly a request will be made to the board to save the trees, wherever they can be, by enlarging the width of the sidewalk to fifteen feet at the expense of the roadway, as was done on I street.

City Engineer Jensen has looked over the ground and can see no clear way of saving those trees for two reasons, one being the fact that the Forthcamp avenue is not as wide a thoroughfare as I street, and secondly, that while the avenue is about to be double-tracked by the street traction company, I street is clear and unobstructed by any street car line railway.

J street is an eighty-foot wide roadway, as is I street, while Forthcamp avenue is only sixty to sixty-four feet wide, not even having a uniform width along its entire length. The double-tracking of the avenue would take up fifteen and one-half feet of the middle of the roadway measured between the two outside rails, and this would leave only about ten feet of passageway for vehicles between the outside track lines and the sidewalk curbs.

Engineer Jensen says that ten feet is not any too much for a safe passage, but for general traffic, and that a width would have to be further reduced by one foot on both sides of the avenue if the sidewalks are each widened by a foot, in the hope that the extra foot will save any trees that otherwise would be outside of the curb line.

Ten feet passageway, it is pointed out, would not be sufficient to give safe passage to a hay rack wagon, though of course that class of vehicles need not particularly select Forthcamp avenue because there are as good-narrowed railroad streets not narrowed by street car lines.

Of course, if the property owners desire to narrow the width of the avenue by enlarging upon the sidewalk width, that is a matter that concerns them as it was with I street, or if they do resolve upon that change, Engineer Jensen says, it will be well to so decide before the specifications are accepted and awarded, to obviate any delay in the completion of the contract.

Street paving after the contract was let and when new specifications covering width of the sidewalks and street had to be agreed upon and new contract let conformably with the changes.

LARGE LEMONS ARE SHOWN AT BANQUET

One of the attractive features of the banquet held Saturday night for Governor Gillett was a large display of lemons on a little table directly in front of the governor. The lemons were grown by Mrs. L. P. Swift at her residence corner San Joaquin and M streets. They each weighed four pounds and were twenty inches in circumference.

Through a misunderstanding, B. D. Lockhart, assistant manager of the Hurler hotel, was referred to as the steward in the account of the banquet Sunday morning.

LOS ANGELES TURNED SAN FRANCISCO DOWN

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 12.—Director General D. C. Collier of the Panama-California Exposition, in a statement issued today, asserts that a delegation of San Francisco business men visited Los Angeles during the past week for the purpose of inducing the chamber of commerce of that city to rescind its action endorsing San Diego's claim to the exposition. Colonel Collier states that this request was refused by the directors, as was also a second proposal that the Los Angeles chamber assume a neutral position as to San Diego and San Francisco.

FROZEN TO DEATH IN GASOLINE LAUNCH

PALACIOS, Tex., Dec. 12.—A storm last night caught T. S. Clark and son, B. E. Clark, in a small gasoline launch in Trea Palacios bay, two miles from Palacios. The son had frozen to death and the father was unconscious when a rescue boat was sent after them. A rescue boat in the bay is only a few feet deep and the men could have waded ashore.

UNITARIAN PULPIT.

Unitarian churches are full of members who are Unitarians in everything but name. It would frighten them to be told, "You are a Unitarian." People feel that it is a disgrace to be called Unitarian even though you are one! There is a story told of David Hume that is to the point. He had a housekeeper who dearly loved him, for he was very kind and she took it very much to heart that he stood in such bad odor with his neighbors as a reputed infidel. One night some wits mailed a sign, "Saint David," to his door intended to hold his well known lack of orthodoxy up to public shame. At least Nancy took it so, and wept and wrung her hands in despair. Hume was not inclined to take the matter seriously, but exclaimed, "Don't cry, Nancy! I'm not the first good man who has been called a saint! It's no harm to you a Unitarian? Some of the best people who ever lived have been called Unitarians, and what harm did it ever do them?"

J. A. CRUZAN, Field Agent.

Rugs at Parlor Lecture Club. A choice collection of Oriental Rugs will be exhibited at the Parlor Lecture Club from the 15th of December to New Year's Day. The hall will be open daily from 1 to 5 p. m. All are cordially invited.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the kind friends who administered by word and deed during the last illness and death of Mrs. Ella Bearley.

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NEWS OF EVENTS IN REALM OF SPORT

THREE CHEERS FOR HONOLULU MAN CHOSEN IN
BIG CHIEF BAN.
JOHNSONAmerican League President
Says "Down With C.
Murphy."

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The American League simply will not tolerate John M. Ward being elected president of the National League to succeed John A. Heydler, according to John M. Ward, American League president, who arrived in New York today. If he is elected, it means war.

As outlining his position in the matter on the eve of the National League meeting, Johnson gave out a letter which he has sent to August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, which was instrumental in ending the war between the National and American Leagues in 1903. The letter, dated Chicago November 30 and addressed to Herrmann at Cincinnati, says:

"When information was brought to me from an authentic source that John M. Ward was seriously considered for the presidency of the National League, it occasioned me much surprise and raised the question as to the sincerity of purpose of your organization. Since the signing of the peace pact and the creation of the national agreement, organized baseball has moved along in a broad, straight channel with moderate friction. The chief snag encountered was our effort to recover Player George Davis after he had been awarded to the Chicago American club at the Cincinnati conference. Mr. Ward, as attorney for Player Davis, drew up the original contract with the Chicago club. It was a three year agreement, non bound and riveted. At a subsequent date Davis signed another contract with the New York National League club."

"The New York club sought to retain Davis; regardless of the Cincinnati award and in fact did use him in one game despite a vigorous protest from the Chicago club. The Chicago club was finally obliged to go to the courts to enforce its contract, and John M. Ward represented the player in the proceedings. Davis was checkmated but the Chicago club did not have his services in the entire season. The cost of litigation to the Chicago club exceeded \$3,000. The entire transaction was clearly a conspiracy and a violation of the peace pact entered into by the two leagues. The interests must be considered and weighed in the construction of the National Commission each year."

"It is far from our purpose to say, or even suggest, who the National League shall elect its president, but common sense and the interests of other parties to the agreement should be considered if the present cordial relations are to continue."

The unbroken prosperity the game has enjoyed under the present government should serve as a safety valve to any prejudicial act that might tend to destroy a healthy, sound and sportsmanlike condition of baseball."

JOHNSON said tonight that he was unalterably opposed to Charles W. Murphy—Ward's chief backer—becoming a dictator in the baseball world. He said the policy of the men who have been working for the development of baseball, said the American League president, "and would be ruinous to baseball if allowed to continue on friendly relations with the National rival, but cannot do so if Murphy is to dictate the policy of the National League and elect a man who has consistently tried to tear down the fabric we have established."

"It is stated that when he first arrived here, the American League was in favor of a longer schedule and that all our club managers advocated it. I have talked with every man who has honest looks into the future and knows conditions of the past. We have not said that the National League should re-elect Heydler, but we think that great harm would come to the national game if the club owners don't."

THE BRIBERY CASE.
Concerning the case of the alleged bribery of umpires on October 1, 1909, Johnson said tonight that new evidence was sent to him last summer. He will present this to his colleagues on the National Commission for review.

Johnson was not altogether satisfied that when the National League turned over affidavits in the bribery case to the National Commission, all papers were sent along. At that time a New York physician was accused, and was made the scapegoat. Johnson thinks that the physician was merely the representative of the "man higher up," and he believes that he has evidence that will enable the National Commission to get after this individual.

The National Commission held two short informal sessions today. Meetings will be held tomorrow and Thursday at which the new testimony concerning the umpire bribery is to be gone over.

The political end of the National League meeting has completely overwhelmed the trading side. Managers of the American, National, Eastern and Tri-State Leagues are here ready to make deals, but, on account of the possible rupture of friendly relations between the two big organizations, swapping players is a secondary consideration.

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FOOTBALL TEAMMULLIN OF DETROIT IS
LEADING AMERICAN
PITCHER

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—George Mullin of the Detroit champions was the leading pitcher in the American League last season, according to the official pitching and fielding averages issued by President H. B. Johnson here today. Mullin's record was 29 games won and 8 lost, for a percentage of .781. He was 62 points ahead of Cicotte of Boston, who had a record of 13 wins and 5 lost, for .722. Another Detroit pitcher, Willett, finished third with 22 won and 8 lost, for .710. Krause, the early season sensation of Philadelphia, was tied for fourth with his teammate, Bender, at .692, with 18 won and 8 lost.

Chicago, which finished fourth in the pennant race, led the team fielding, with a percentage of .964. Philadelphia finished second, with the Detroit champions third. New York made the greatest number of errors, having 351 charged against them, together with pitchers from the Coast League, as follows:

Name and Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Mullin, Detroit	29	8	.781
Cicotte, Boston	13	5	.722
Willett, Detroit	22	8	.710
Bender, Philadelphia	18	8	.692
Krause, Philadelphia	18	8	.692
Summers, Detroit	13	8	.615
Plank, Philadelphia	13	8	.615
Quinn, New York	13	8	.615
Wright, Philadelphia	13	8	.615
Wood, Boston	11	7	.611
Hall, Boston	8	4	.666
Arrollans, Boston	16	13	.556
Burns, Washington-Chi.	13	25	.342
Johnson, Washington	5	13	.278
Groom, Washington	6	26	.188

JACK JOHNSON
KEEPS IMPROVING

Jack Johnson is a constant fighter. He has shown improvement in every fight. That is the foundation for his claim that he will defeat Jeffries when the big fellows meet. Had the two been matched four years ago the bout would have attracted scarcely a bid. It would have been considered a joke. As it is now Jeffries will likely be the favorite in the betting, but four years ago Johnson would have been a 100 to 1 shot. There are several reasons why such a match between Johnson and Jeffries looks fairly even on paper at this time. The Californian has done absolutely nothing in the fighting line, while Johnson has been plodding along meeting good men and gaining ring generalship and strength continuously. During the past four years Johnson has been matched more than a score of times with good men. He boxed a draw with J. Jeannette. He boxed a strong fight against Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. Tommy Burns, of course, Ketchel made a poor showing against the big black. Never yet has Johnson been extended to the limit of his power and endurance. What will he be at full steam? Will Jeff retrograde in these years and Johnson come forward, what will be the result? —Jeff Thompson in Oakland Tribune.

FOWLER DEFEATS
TULARE DUMMIES

The crack Fowler football eleven defeated another victory to its credit last Sunday at Tulare, when the Deaf Stewarts of the winners was the star. His line bucking and end runs giving Fowler a victory. The attendance was large. The struggle was one of the hardest-fought in the history of the Tulare football. A return game will be pulled off at Fowler on New Year's Day.

The Fowler line-up was as follows: Van Horn, left; Buckhorn, left; L. Allison, left; B. Young, center; Darling, right; Mason, right; Ray Allison, right; Volck, right; Lovely, right; Giffen, right; Stewart, right; Etchenberger, sub.

Pedro, 102; Keep Moving, 101; Apollon, 95; Light House, 95; Wandler, 95; Gladys Louise, 97.

Third race, five furlongs—C. A. Leland, 112; Mike Mallett, Mary Green, 109; Bessie King, 107; Master Child, 106; Bob Lynch, Good Intent, 104; Lady Parrot, 103; 99.

Fourth race, seven furlongs, handicap—Clara, 118; Pinkola, 115; Bessie, 112; King, 107; 100; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 104; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Goldfina, 113; Ocean Queen, 110; Force, 109; Merve Abe, 108; Don Hamilton, 107; Harlow, 105; L. M. Eckert, 104; Deacon, 99.

Sixth race, five furlongs—Cull, Dr. Nash, Miss Lida, Maud Higgins, Pastorina Arcourt, Contester, 105; Blackhawk, George Young, 103; The Thorn, Dalesman, Posing, 106.

Y. AMERICANS IS
OFFER \$2,000
FOR KUHNThree Major League Clubs
Are After the Popular
Tiger Backstop.

Walter Kuhn.

Walter Kuhn, the idol of Fresno fans, is sought by no less than three major league clubs. The latest big break came to send in a bid for the blonde backstop's services is Stallings of New York Americans. It was upon the recommendation of Hal Chase that the Yankees' leader sent word to the management of the Fresno Tigers asking if the consistent little catcher could be purchased.

While on the Coast at the close of the 1908 season Hal Chase, wearing a Stockton uniform in the California State League, saw the playing of Kuhn, who was just breaking into fast company. His work so impressed Chase that he whispered Kuhn's name at that time, if he is not disposed of by the 1909 season, when the Yankees began beating about the bushes for promising material for use behind the bat.

However, there is some doubt about Kuhn going to New York. The Minneapolis American Association club has a reserve claim on the Clovis wonder. This means that the Tiger must remain in the State League for two years before he can be sold or drafted.

At that time, if he is not disposed of by Fresno, the Minneapolis team gets his services free of charge. Inasmuch as Kuhn, signed the Minneapolis contract, under certain promises from Cliff Blankenship, it is likely that the National Commission will award the clever backstop to the Tigers and thus give President Shuck the right to sell the much-wanted player to the New York club. It is reported that the offer is cash consideration of approximately \$2,000. Kuhn to report to the spring training quarters of the Yanks next March. Should the National Commission see fit to remove the ban from the little Tiger, the jump from the California League to major league company will be a feather in Kuhn's cap. However, local fans have predicted a brilliant future for the Tiger receiver since the day he poked his "strawberry-blond" sky-piece from the bushes around Clovis.

Auto Notes

The Chicago Motor Club is spending \$2,000 on signboarding roads within 200 miles of the city.

Clubs have been organized at Wendell, Mass., with 100 charter members, and at Lake county, Ohio.

The dealers of Omaha have decided to conduct a show in that city some time during the early spring months.

The Automobile Club of Philadelphia now has more than 900 members, and is endeavoring to reach the 1,000 mark.

A Dutch colonial ratskellar will be a feature of the Madison Square Garden show, which opens in New York, January 8th.

Canon City, Col., now contains about sixty motor cars, and most of their owners are members of the local automobile club.

Only six complaints have been made during the past year to the Vermont State authorities for violations of the automobile laws.

Motorists of Wilmington, Del., have noticed considerable improvement in the streets since an automobile was added to the equipment of the street and sewer department.

The Michigan Automobile Association is planning a big road race meet next July. There will probably be a 140-mile contest for light cars and a 250-mile event for heavy.

The students of the Worcester, Mass., Polytechnic Institute gave engine department a try at a three-day endurance run scheduled by the Worcester Automobile Club.

February 22nd to 27th are the dates decided upon for the second annual Milwaukee show. It will be given by the Milwaukee club in the new \$500,000 auditorium.

BALL MAGNATE BUSY.
PUEBLO, Dec. 13.—John Holland, manager of the Wichita team of the Western League, will be the owner of the Pueblo franchise in that league third later. Fitz will have to come before next Friday. Holland arrived in Pueblo Saturday and made an offer to the local directors, leaving for Denver early today.

Holland will transfer the Pueblo franchise to St. Joseph, where ample capital is waiting to back the team. His interest in the Wichita club will be sold to his partner, Frank Inghel. The team has not been a paying proposition here.

AD WOLGAST?—BOUT
IS POSTPONED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—The ten-round bout scheduled to take place between Frank Picato and Ad Wolgast before the Pacific Athletic club in this city has been postponed until December 31. Picato's manager, asked for the postponement, asserting that (Picato) was suffering from an attack of the grippe. He offered \$200 which he put up to insure Picato's appearance.

A WELL SUPPORTED
SECOND CHOICE
WINS ALAMO

Handicap Goes to Rey Hindoo; Emma G. in Front by a Neck.

OAKLAND, Dec. 13.—Rey Hindoo, the well-supported second choice, won the Alamo Handicap at Emeryville today in a drive from Sewell and Lewiston. Nagazumi, the favorite, made a poor showing. Emma G. closed with a rush in the third and beat Biskra a neck, while Burleigh was third, a nose away.

Jake Holtzman sent the fields away for the first time this season.

RESULTS.
First race, five furlongs, selling—Hampier, 109 (Williams), 12 to 5, won; Thistle Belle, 109 (Dugan), 3 to 1, second; Father Stafford, 110 (Kettig), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:11.7. St. Barry, Omaha, Lena, Lach, Gretchen G., Philistine Duke of Milar, Caputt and Antioch finished as named.

Second race, six furlongs, selling—Cinder Krue, 103 (Kedrick), 11 to 5, won; Redwood, 101 (Martini), 1 to 1, second; Alameda, 109 (Dugan), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:15. Semotta, Silver Grain, Tom O'Malley, Daddy Gil, Clintara and Herlina finished as named.

Third race, seven furlongs—Emma G., 109 (McBride), 10 to 1, won; Biskra, 109 (McBride), 5 to 1, second; Burleigh, 109 (McBride), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:23. Inclement, Cuddehon, Aftermath, Priceless Jewel, Sink Spring, Catalina, St. Avon and Truck finished as named.

Fourth race, five furlongs, selling—Hindoo, 108 (Callaghan), 8 to 1, won; Sewell, 110 (Mentry), 10 to 1, second; Lewiston, 93 (Kedrick), 7 to 1, third. Time 1:10.1. Nagazumi and Fernando finished as named.

Fifth race, one and one-eighth miles, selling—Rubie, 112 (Mentry), 6 to 5, won; Charles Paine, 109 (Vandusen), 3 to 1, second; Whidden, 105 (Legates), Miss Officiner and Lady Alice finished as named.

Sixth race, seven furlongs, selling—Bishop W., 108 (Martini), 3 to 1, won; Darlington, 112 (Mentry), 7 to 1, second; Mike Jordan, 109 (Olin), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:23. Beam, Parnish, Ben Coal, G. Ampedo, Wasp, Hupala, Pacifico, Mossback and Copperfield finished as named.

TODAY'S ENTRIES.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Emeryville entries for December 13:
First race, five furlongs—Mollie Montrose, Curriculum, Cuernavaca, Vienna C., Colliestill, Dr. Howell, Sophomore, Salina, 112; Elmdele, Anderson, B. Cook, 115; Blanche C., Herives, 107.

Second race, five furlongs—Meorok, 93; Whisky Toidy, Phosphorus, 96; J. H. Barr, Metropolitan, 102; Lady Elizabeth, 103; Old Mexico, 106; Copperbottom, Gilbert Rose, 110; Miles, 118.

Third race, five furlongs—Salvage, 107; Boas, Hereafter, Father Downey, Old Settler, Ben Stone, Lord of the Forest, Taxer, Redondo Gold Heart, Kerry, Goswiper 11, 112.

Fourth race, one mile, Fruitvale handicap—Miss Elencie, 97; Edwin T. Fryer, 90; Rosevale, 97; Blackford, 100; Bubbling Water, 107; Boggs, 118; Raleigh, 85.

Fifth race, mile and twenty yards—Cocksure, El Bull, Geo. Russell, Sink Spring, Buck Thorne, 107; Valoria, 102; Rosaleer, Roy Junior, 105; Round and Round, John Lewis, 111; Silver Line, 101; Aunt Kit, 96.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Roy T. Lanita, Dorothy Legett, 107; 102; Sir John, Marching, Mt Dorecho, Bishop W., 105; May Sutton, Emma G., Crestan, Duncen, 106.

Track Gossip

The Providence speedway is completed at last. It cost \$25,000. In the start the contractors found trouble in filling the place of swamp land. The partially completed speedway going out of sight in one night. Another strip of land for the course was then selected.

Harold Childs has resigned as trainer for United States Senator Bailey, and Tom Stewart will now educate the young prodigals.

Citation (2-014), contended in seventy-three races, only twice misplaced, has been permanently retired by her owner, J. H. Cartwright, Oregon, Ill.

The five heats made by Ethan Roberts and Jennie W. at York, Pa., are the fastest five heats ever run over a half mile track in Pennsylvania—2:08 1/2, 2:07 1/2, 2:08, 2:08, 2:07.

FITZ WILL TRY TO
"COME BACK" AGAIN

If Bob FitzSimmons, matched to fight Bill Latta on December 21th in Sydney, fails to show old time form and win, fight fans will say the same dose is going to be meted out to Jeff by Johnson.

If Fitz wins, the dose may be vice versa. Fitz's case is different from Jeffries. Bob is now 47 years old and practically antiquated. He's broke and needs the money, that's why he is the Pueblo fighting Lange. Unless Lange is a third later, Fitz will not win.

Bob has tried several times to come before next Friday. Holland arrived in Pueblo Saturday and made an offer to the local directors, leaving for Denver early today.

Holland will transfer the Pueblo franchise to St. Joseph, where ample capital is waiting to back the team. His interest in the Wichita club will be sold to his partner, Frank Inghel. The team has not been a paying proposition here.

SIX-HOUR RACE
IN SOUTHBreaks Coast Time Record;
Many Accidents Are
Recorded.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—With four cars out of eight entries wrecked and with two world's records broken and one equaled, the six-hour automobile race at Asot Park was the most exciting race seen here. The damage to cars was \$10,000 and two men were injured. Larry McLarty, driver of the Sunset, had his collarbone broken, and Sam Bone, his mechanic, sustained a broken arm. Hurts Hainsbury, driver of the Apperson Jackrabbit, had a pituitous escape from death when the car crashed through the fence while going a mile a minute.

The Stearns won the race with 293 miles to its credit. The world's record is 309 miles. Charles Soules, the driver, managed to smash the world's records for one and two hours. The Stearns made fifty-four miles in the first hour. The old record for forty-two hours, it traveled 105 miles in eight miles. The old record was 103 miles. The coast record was 267 miles, made by the Klesokar at Asot Park last May. The Buick equaled the world's three-hour record with 152 miles.

The Pullman finished second, making 251 miles. The Buick was third with 249 miles, and the Corbin fourth with 212 miles. None of the other cars finished. The Apperson was put out of business after it had gone 57 miles. It went through the fence at the first turn and was wrecked in the ditch beyond the track. The Palmer-Sliger came to grief in almost the same place on the first turn, while the Panther went out with ten feet of the disastrous turn after having made 152 miles. The Sunset was wrecked at the second turn, after it had completed 136 miles.

When the Apperson went through the fence, its owner, Lee T. Shetter, vowed he would never enter a car in a track race again. Harry Hainsbury, the driver, was buried from his seat as the automobile hurled its radiator in the soft earth of the ditch. Shetter thought Hainsbury was killed.

WALTER ROBINSON
ENTERS RING AGAIN

Jim Horner of San Francisco and Walter Robinson of Fresno have been matched to box 40 rounds before the Los Angeles Athletic club. Robinson is training at Los Banos and is attracting a lot of attention at his training quarters. Horner is training with Eddie Inary.

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DEFRAUDED WOMEN WITH MINE STOCK

Ex-Precursor Found Guilty
by a Jury in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Charles W. McCrossan, formerly a Baptist preacher of this city, was found guilty by a jury in Judge Willis' court of defrauding a large number of women of stock in the Cordillera Mining Company. Sentence will be pronounced by Judge Willis Thursday.

During the trial, which has been in progress for a week, testimony was given to show that McCrossan, as president and general manager of the mine, had sold stock in the amount of \$150,000, and that very little development work had been done on the property, which is in Mexico, although the stock sold was advertised in the prospectus as development stock.

In the prospectus, which was written and issued by McCrossan, it was asserted that an investment of \$200 would yield the investor a life commission.

It is said that many of the buyers of stock in the mining company were former members of McCrossan's congregation and some of them are women.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—In executive session today the Senate confirmed a large number of nominations, among which were the following: W. Cameron Forbes of Massachusetts, to be secretary of commerce; the Philippines; John R. Carter, of Maryland, to be minister to Romania and Servia; Chandler Hale of Maine, to be third assistant secretary of state; William Phillips of Massachusetts, to be secretary of commerce; the Philippines; James L. Davenport of New Hampshire, to be commissioner of pensions; and Leander Stilwell of Kansas, to be deputy commissioner of pensions.

TWENTY-FOUR ARE INJURED WHEN CAR TURNS OVER

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 13.—Twenty-four persons were injured when the smoking car of a Rock Island passenger train turned over east of Argenta. Eight of the injured were actors and actresses who were to play here tonight.

NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

CONANTON, Dec. 13.—The condition of Henry Froman, aviator, who had a bad fall when his aeroplane fouled the roof of a house yesterday, was satisfactory today. His side was bruised and it was feared he had sustained internal injuries, but no serious complications have developed.

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NO MORE BODIES FOUND IN LAKE

ERIE, Dec. 13.—Five of the nine bodies picked up by the Commodore Perry yesterday, the first of the remains found of the thirty-eight men who lost their lives when the car ferry Blossomer Marquette No. 2 foundered on the angry billows of Lake Erie, were sent to their homes tonight.

The Commodore Perry, which brought in the bodies Sunday afternoon, lay in her slip all afternoon with steam up, but such a gale blew over the entire lake region that to venture upon the waters of the lake would have been suicidal. The wind subsided tonight.

According to a story related here, Sarah Chaney, a sister of one of the missing men, saw the car ferry sink while returning Tuesday night and since that time she has insisted that her brother is dead and all with him.

A report received this afternoon says that another body had been found near Westfield, N. Y. This rumor proved false. The wind would have washed all bodies and wreckage towards the Canadian shore and lake men expect the next discovery will be made on the other side of the lake.

MRS. BROKAW CLEVERLY FENCES WITH ATTORNEYS

Says She Had Experience
Enough to Know When
Husband Was Drunk

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The ready wit and cool head of Mary Brokaw, who seeks a decree of separation with an allowance of \$80,000 a year from her multimillionaire husband, W. Gould Brokaw, flashed again and again through the persistent plodding of her cross-examination.

"At the time you say your husband threatened to blow out your brains, did you believe him?" asked John F. McIntyre, counsel for the defense.

"Not when he wasn't drinking," returned the witness adroitly.

"Did he say he would or could do it?" pursued Mr. McIntyre.

"In Paris he said he could and in the South he said he would."

"Well he did not, did he?" asked McIntyre as a clincher.

"I think," said the witness sweetly, "you had I am still left."

At another time there was a question of what Mrs. Brokaw meant by "paralyzed," as an adjective she applied to Mr. Brokaw's condition on a night when she testified she telephoned for his secretary to take care of him.

Mrs. Brokaw amplified her definition into "a condition of hopeless intoxication," and McIntyre immediately wished to know how the witness had qualified as a judge in the symptoms of drunkenness.

"My varied experience after marriage made me an expert," she retorted. **CROWD IN SPIRE OF STORM.**

The worst weather an Atlantic coast northeaster can show did not deter the curious. Many women, richly robed, motored over to Mineola, through the slush and rain and crowded the little courtroom. The testimony did not disappoint them.

Brokaw, just before court convened, gave out a statement for the press, in part as follows:

"I have been grossly misrepresented by Mrs. Brokaw and by members of her family. Proposition after proposition has been made to me by the plaintiff's side to abandon this case in return for a large settlement of money."

Baldwin, Mrs. Brokaw's lawyer, immediately issued a counter statement, in part as follows:

"The statement given out by the defense that she had made made me to him to abandon the case on payment of a large sum of money, is an unmitigated and deliberate falsehood, and consistent with the policy adopted by the defense of trying to win the case upon unsubstantiated statements made without the sanction of any oath."

After the preliminaries both sides got down to the serious business of the day. Mrs. Brokaw was asked if she did not once take poison by mistake with no intention of killing herself.

"Now, wasn't that only a bluff?" queried McIntyre.

"No, it was not," replied the witness indignantly. "I wanted to die. Cigarettes had ruined my complexion. The subject for Mrs. Brokaw in previous testimony. Today she triumphed over cocktails, of which she had only tasted four in her life, she said, and never before breakfast. Champagne, she thought, tasted much like gin and tonics."

BROKAW'S CORSETS.

McIntyre began to delve into Mrs. Brokaw's bill for dresses. Her lawyer cut her short with an admission that Brokaw had spent \$30,000 on his wife in their first year of married life. McIntyre thought of the items spoke for themselves.

"I will hardly agree," he instanced, "that a couple of hundred dollars' worth of corsets were used by Mr. Brokaw."

Brokaw himself, who is far from prone to joined in the laugh that followed.

BUILT MANY RAILWAYS.

PAINEVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 13.—General J. C. Cagney, railroad constructor, philanthropist and a trustee of Lake Erie College, died here today.

General Cagney, a veteran of the Civil War, laid the original rails of the Big Four and the Lake Shore roads, built the Union Pacific and the Cleveland and Toledo and built a railroad line in Costa Rica for the government a few years ago.

MAUD FEALY MARRIES AGAIN
DENVER, Dec. 13.—The Post says this evening, that Maud Fealy, the actress, who divorced H. L. Sherwin, her first husband, was married in Washington, D. C., on November 24th to James Durkin, a member of the Barker-Karpis gang now playing in Minneapolis.

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PRESIDENT TAFT TALKS MISSIONS

Says American Interest in
Foreign Affairs Dates
from Spanish War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—With a smiling reference to the "attack of the Methodist Church on Africa" President Taft addressed an immense gathering at Carnegie Hall tonight at the diamond jubilee of the Methodist Episcopal church, called to celebrate the completion of a campaign started last January whereby \$300,167 has been raised to further mission work in Africa.

Of this sum \$172,249 has been received in cash and the remainder has been subscribed payable in statements due in five years.

Rev. J. C. Hartzell, bishop of Africa, through whose efforts the money was raised, was the only other speaker of the evening.

The president said in part:

"It is not, perhaps, appropriate to date a religious movement from a war, but it does seem to me as if our people acquired a world feeling from the time we undertook the responsibilities of freeing Cuba and saying what should be done by our neighbors with reference to internal government, when that internal government seemed to us to pass the bounds of what we thought to be civilization."

"We began our war expecting to finish it shortly and we landed in the Philippines and we are there still, but our horizon was widened much beyond these goals of the Pacific ocean by rest."

"The mission is our international soul of the responsibilities which we have been obliged to assume with reference to the entire world. We are armed with tremendous power and tremendous wealth, and unless we use that for the benefit of our neighbors and they were neighbors for the world is very small—we are failing to discharge the duties that we ought to feel as members of the international community."

FOREIGN MISSIONS GOOD.

"The mission is a nucleus and an epitome of the civilization that is to widen out in that neighborhood. I have heard missions criticized. I have heard men say that they would not contribute to foreign missions at all; that they would rather keep their money at home and we might just as well leave the foreign natives and savages to pursue their own happy lives in the forest and look after our own which need a great deal of civilization. I am sure that a man who does not like music, who does not understand the things that God has provided for the evolution of the human race."

"Missions in China, missionaries in Africa are the forerunners of our civilization and without them we should have no hope of conquering the love and the admiration and the respect of the millions of people that we hope to bring under the influences of Christian civilization."

"Those who go for mercantile purposes into these distant lands, I am sorry to say, are quicker to catch the savage tendency than the savages are to catch from them the best of our Christian civilization."

"The men whom I wish to commend are those who, in the face of all obstacles that certainly tend to discourage the bravest, go to the dark continent of Africa in an attempt to win those lands to Christianity."

NO TERRITORY IN AFRICA.

"The United States had not any territory or interest there. We did make an experiment, or encourage an experiment, some years ago in Liberia, and we do have the interest that we ought to have in trying to preserve the integrity of that little negro republic, but you know, and the nations of the world know, that we are in Africa to spread our civilization. We have enough. Some people think we have a great deal more than enough, and certainly there is no one so imperious as to desire to share a part of the dark continent."

"It is curious to see how the Almighty works His way. Our interest in Africa for many years was in the slave trade."

"We, here, are all responsible. New England got out of it earlier than the others, but we were all responsible for the advent of this trade and now we have living with us ten million descendants of the negroes who were taken by force from that dark continent."

"And yet I think one would say that the descendants of that people brought here are not to be congratulated on the fact that they have been able to enter into proximity to civilization, so that they are a hundred years in advance of their relatives in Africa. And yet they came here through the greed of men."

MOHAMMEDANISM.

Bishop Hartzell said:

"This African diamond jubilee had for its purpose the raising of at least \$300,000 as an extra, over and above the regular appropriations, to strengthen our centers in the continent and make it possible to answer at least some of the calls for advances. And now, we have come within eight hundred days of the end of that celebration. We will not go into detail but I have here the magnificent sum of \$320,167."

There are three religious forces in Africa. First, barbaric heathenism and the Christian church. I am almost ashamed to state publicly how we the Christian church in Africa are. We are trifling with the continent. It is difficult to give the exact numbers, but I do not suppose there are more than three million Christians in Africa.

"Third there is Mohammedanism with its sixty million. All our attention is to Africa shall be Mohammedan or Christian, that is the question."

"And so, President Taft, I beg of you when you meet your millionaire Methodist everywhere, put it home to them."

BOY DIES AFTER BIG ROUGHHOUSE FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Wesley Haughtell, 11 years of age, died early today as the result of a schoolboy encounter yesterday over a game of marbles.

According to the statements of other boys, Haughtell became involved in an argument with Truman Flint, a 15-year-old lad. Their dispute led to blows and a rough and tumble, and they were separated by one of the boys. When his assailant was pulled away, Haughtell did not arise quickly. His comrades assisted him to his home and at first his injuries were not regarded as serious. But during the night he became racked with pain and physicians were summoned. They were unable, however, to afford relief.

W. Haughtell, father of the lad, an employee of the Santa Fe, says death was the result of an accident and he will not prosecute young Flint.

PRICE OF FLOUR GOES UP AGAIN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—For the second time within a week the price of family and bakery flour has increased 50 cents a barrel by Los Angeles millers. As a result retail quotations have been increased 20 cents a hundred pounds. Bakers are considering a reduction in the size of loaves of bread. They claim that the city bread stamp will not interfere with such a move, as it merely requires that the number of ounces in a loaf be stamped on it. Millers explain the repeated advances in prices as having been due to the higher levels touched by wheat in the world's market.

JUROR'S ACCIDENT DELAYS A TRIAL

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—A lost cuff button, a fall on the icy pavement, a broken collar bone and a broken wrist stopped the wheels of justice in a murder trial here today.

May Ewing, colored, was being tried on the charge of murdering Al Owens, also colored. Walter Ludlow, one of the jurors, fell on the icy sidewalk and discovered that in the fall he had lost a cuff button. He went back to search for the button, fell again and dislocated his collar bone. The trial was postponed.

MAY OFFER REWARD FOR KIDNAPED CHILD

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 \$1500—5 room cottage, \$200 cash.
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 THESE PLACES are all in north or east part of town and unusual bargains. Will go to \$10 per month on balance. No wire, pay rent to yourself.

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 TWO MILES from Clovis, suitable for alfalfa, trees and vines. Prices and terms to suit. Adjoining lands are bringing from \$25 to \$50 per acre more than we ask.

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\$1900—Nice 5 room cottage, 2 lots, fine new barn, extra fine shade all around lots, gas and electric light; only \$500 cash.

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6 acres of vineyard, alfalfa close to town, sandy soil; \$1500, and only \$100 cash.

10 acres of the finest peaches and Emory grapes in the county and close to town; house and barn. Let us show it to you.

31 acres of Muscat, plums and peaches, all bearing, house, barn and tools. \$2500; will take \$2000 cash, \$500 city property and \$5000 mortgage or will take \$2000 cash, \$500 city property, \$2000 profit in one year's time or \$5000 investment. Come to the office for details.

\$900 to \$1250—2 1/2 acres of land for a suburban home; only one-tenth down and 9 years to pay the balance.

\$15,000 for 40 acres of Muscat and Thompson, 10 acres of peaches and 10 of alfalfa, house and barn, first class land, trees and vines all young, but all bearing; \$5000 cash and balance easy. The best bargain in county. For a few days only.

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1000 BUYS choice fruit, one mile north of Reedley; ten acres, peaches, seven acres Muscat, balance partly leveled and first class for oranges; large new barn. Address 1716 I St., Fresno. Phone Main 3135.

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 MARIPOSA and SILVA, corner lot (63x125), with 5 room cottage. Lot is worth price asked for whole property. Very easy terms.

NORTH PARK house and lots, three excellent lots, fine shrubbery, good rustic cottage, plenty room for another house. Only \$2500.
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 5 ACRES close to Fresno, improved to trees and alfalfa, good buildings, \$450 cash, balance easy.

20 ACRES—15 alfalfa, 2 1/2 barley, 2 1/2 pasture, \$500 will handle this place.

40 ACRES, mile from town, heavy producer, \$3500. Your own terms on the balance.

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100 ACRES fine rich land for \$5000, less than \$32 an acre, \$2000 cash, 2 1/2 miles from station.

50 ACRES—29 Muscats, 11 peaches, 30 alfalfa, 5 room house, barn, windmill, water right, pumping plant, scales, all farming tools, only 7 miles out, shipping station at ranch, \$13,000, \$1500 cash, balance plenty of time.

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40—18 acres in No. 1 vines, 2 orchard, fine residence, fine barn, all fenced, all first class land. A snap at \$5500.

30—All in peach, trees all bearing, fine house and a beautiful home, also a grand income, \$6500.

20—All Muscat vines, near town, \$6000.

15—5 acre peaches, nice new 5 roomed house, good barn, 5 h. p. pumping plant, \$2500.

10—Raw land, 4 roomed house, \$650.

10—12 in alfalfa, 5 orchard, house and barn, near town, cheap place, \$3000.

5—1 acre alfalfa, 4 peach trees, 4 roomed house, barn and implements, near town, \$1800.

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BUY RAW LAND NEAR TOWN
 FINE RED sandy loam soil, level. Church water and ditches on land. Sold in 5, 10, 20 and 40 acre lots. This is a 2, down, 6 per cent interest. Also acre lots joining city on east, 1/2 down.

THE LOCATION is worth all we ask for the above lands. Values are near town.

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JOIN THE excursion. Leaves Pierce & Anderson's every ten minutes for El Capitán.

THE TEN ACRES, with new house, on Kearney Ave. will be sold this week. If you want a 10 acre had better speak quick.

CITY WATER piped to every lot in El Capitán.

40 ACRES four miles west on Belmont Ave. 27 acres in vines, 9 acres in Mulr peaches, four years old. Six room house, barn, sheds, traps, sweat boxes and tools; all for \$11,500.

WE HAVE a fine 120 acres of Muscat vineyard, which we will sell cheap. Let us show it to you before you ask the price.

A YOUNG MAN said the other night: "I am prepared for the future. I have two lots in El Capitán."

WE HAVE several sections of land on the West Side. They are cheap. Put water on them and you can raise anything, even to the price.

HOUSES
 WE HAVE one large, two story, modern house with a fine big barn on corner lots 75x150, situated on North K St. Price \$10,000.

TWO FINE ROOM houses on Poplar Ave. \$1550 and \$1400. Come in and get terms. They pay 10 per cent of value.

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 2 AND 1/2 LOTS, Fortcamp Ave., \$2000.

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40 ACRES 5 miles from town, nicely improved, house, barn, windmill and tank, trees and vines on part of it, good bargain.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FROM A COMMERCIAL VIEWPOINT



LONG before Christmas gifts are on the counters and in the shop windows the preparatory part of the season of tradition and sentiment is being worked out in the forests which furnish the decorations for homes, churches and public places of the land and which give verdancy to the crowded streets.

Fifty years ago any one in a great city who wanted a Christmas tree would have walked a long distance before finding the desired article. A year ago it was roughly estimated that more than 1,000,000 Christmas trees were sold in the country. For obvious reasons New York receives and sells more of these trees and of holly and mistletoe than any city in the United States. For several weeks before the merry season sets in the streets in the lower end of Manhattan are filled with these holiday harbingers. They come by boat, mostly schooners, and by rail.

More than 75 per cent of these greens grow on the cold hillsides of eastern and northern Maine and on the mountains and in the forests of New Hampshire and Vermont. The harvesting and shipping to points along the Atlantic coast are conducted on an extensive scale. The work gives employment to many young farmers and timbermen at a season when money for the harvesters is not any too plentiful. For these same men who formerly hunted game in winter have been largely bereft of that source of revenue for several years.

To understand how the business has grown one need only remember that twenty-five years ago, when it began in Maine, no more than four schooners were employed to bring down the cut, and their cargoes contained less than 5,000 trees. Today there are not enough schooners to supply the coast as far as New York city. Scores of railroad trains also bring in trees from Pennsylvania, sections of the New England states that are not accessible to the coast and the interior of New York and New Jersey. While the big cities of the east are being supplied many cargoes are shipped to the middle western states. Holly and mistletoe constitute another branch of the business. They come from Maryland

and Virginia, and some come from the far southwest.

Harvesting Christmas trees is not conducted in any haphazard sort of way. "Anything" will not do. The ideal tree must be intensely green, symmetrical, straight and graceful, and its limbs must be stout, so as to hold up the gifts they are designed to bear. Generally there is a large profit in harvesting these trees. If there is an average cut the cost of delivering to New York or Boston does not exceed 3 cents a tree. The price of the smallest tree in a big city seldom falls below 25 cents, and from that the price goes up to \$5, according to the height and symmetry of the tree.

Another decoration for the season is the "ground plant." It grows deep in the pine woods and among resinous needles and broken limbs. It is a creeping, vine-like plant. Children of the country gather it in the fall, sort it, press it into boxes or sacks and send it to the cities. Out of this are made wreaths, festoons and streamers into any desired shape. These make up the decorations seen all over the land.

Tree Farm of the City.
The stranger in New York city a few weeks before Christmas would be warranted in the opinion that Christmas trees, holly and other green growths constituted the principal traffic of the metropolis. Almost anything—except a large tree—intended for decoration during the Yuletide is on sale on the sidewalks, the vendors being men, women and children. But this is only a part of the stock. Over on the west side, not far from the docks, is what is called "the farm." This comprises the great open spaces along West street, that being the widest thoroughfare of

the city. Here are grouped great stacks of Christmas trees and piles of wreaths. This is the wholesale market. In the center of interesting streets are more Christmas goods of the same sort, but on less extensive lines. From these markets the retail dealer draws his supply, and from here large consignments are shipped to country towns. A year ago it was estimated that more than 200 carloads of trees and holly and mistletoe were delivered to the New York market. There are 2,000 trees to each carload. Make your own deduction. And don't forget that these trees came by rail. The cargoes by boat are to be added.

The best seller in the Christmas tree line is the balsam fir, because, possibly, of its aromatic fragrance. Firs and spruces for the holiday trade in New York city and vicinity come from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and the Adirondacks. In order to get them to market in time the woodcutters start the work of cutting, bundling and trimming early in October. In most cases the cuts are hauled long distances over country roads before they are shipped on rails. "These trees range from six feet to twenty-five feet in height. Wholesale prices range from 75 cents a bunch (usually four trees make a bunch) up to \$25 for a single tree that measures twenty-five feet. The wholesale trade of New York city is handled by only a few concerns. One has been in the business for more than thirty-five years. Orders for the great Christmas cut are often made while people are just finishing their vacations.

Similar Christmas markets are found before the season opens in Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington. Chicago draws on the pineries of Mich-

igan for much of its stock in the way of Christmas trees and supplies a vast area in the west and northwest with greenery that adds to the merry season. Most of the trees delivered in Chicago arrive on lake schooners.

In Pennsylvania stalwart woodsmen work in gangs and are in the employ of a large contractor. The contractor pays the owner of the land at the rate of about \$5 to \$10 an acre, taking them as "they come." The trees are loaded on large hay and bark rigged wagons, hauled to the nearest railroad station by oxen and piled in stacks or rows near the tracks, from which they are loaded on lumber cars and shipped to the large cities.

Holly of Holly.
The holly used in decorations comes from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina in cases of from 75 to 100 pounds in weight, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2 per case, according to quality. Much of it comes in wreaths varying in size and quality. These wreaths sell for \$5 to \$12 per hundred. The prices are those of last year, and they will probably not vary much this year. Imported mistletoe comes mostly from Normandy. It is sold in some form or other. It is sold for from \$10 to \$15 per case of seventy-five pounds. The home mistletoe, which comes from the same states that produce the holly, brings from \$1 to \$2 per barrel.

The Christmas tree was sentimentally revered long before this land was discovered. Tree worship also obtained in England and France in the days of the Druids. In some form or other it is worshipped in heathen lands. It exists in Iceland. According to the rec-

ords in that country, it was known in China 700 years B. C.

The first English child to enjoy a Christmas tree was Mary, daughter of Henry VIII, who was afterward known as "Bloody Mary." When she was four years old a rosemary bush, hung with red jewels and silver spangles and lighted with rushlights, was set up in the great hall of the castle for the amusement of the little princess. From this little rosemary bush the custom spread until now no English home is complete without the Christmas tree.

The extent of the Christmas tree industry, and the holly and mistletoe as well, in New York city will give an idea of the business throughout the country. A year ago the big city spent more than \$2,000,000 for these Christmas goods. Of course all were not used in the city, but that was the amount expended for trees, holly and other Christmas greens. It was also estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 people in the city were vendors of the Yuletide decorations. The same year it was estimated that St. Louis, now fourth in population, spent more than \$50,000 for the same sort of goods for the season of good will.

Besides these decorations there are wreaths of immortelles, colored according to the purchaser's fancy. From these the holly which are seen so much

of the madame's vocabulary. Several dances were held in the committee's own room. One of these present was Hereward Carrington, an author and scientist of New York city, who devoted many years to the study of alleged spiritualistic phenomena. He has detected and exposed a number of fraudulent mediums. Mr. Carrington, who is quoted as saying that he is as much mystified at what he saw and heard as any of the foreign investigators. "Frequently during the seances," says Mr. Carrington, "we all experienced a sensation of cold, as though a cold breeze were issuing from the cabinet curtains and blowing over us. All who have had sittings with Eusapia are convinced that this cold breeze is not subjective in character, but that it is distinctly and provably objective. It is invariably noticed by all present at about the same time, and their descriptions all agree with one another as to its nature and as to the sensations they experience when it blows upon them. This breeze sometimes seems to become denser and more solid, as it were, until it assumes the impression of icy cold fingers."

In spite of the fact that her manners are not such as would fascinate one accustomed to cultured circles, she has been received in the refined and luxurious salons of Paris and London. Of her early life she prefers not to talk. Her birthplace was an obscure town; her family had associations with a brigand; her first marriage was unhappy. No. 1 insisting that as she was a money maker she should support him. But all these things she dismisses when they are hinted at. When they are suggested a cloud comes over her countenance. Her life, she says, has been a series of successes ever since she first found herself. She did not understand her powers at first. She was afraid of herself in the beginning. "But afterward," and when she speaks in this manner she becomes elated, "everybody was converted." She has been seen in all the capitals of Europe and was surprised to learn that she was so well known in America.

Her tastes are simple. She would rather sit down to a meal in an old side restaurant of her own people than dine at the most fashionable cafe. She is also simple in her dress. "Why care so much for money, dress, culture and accomplishments?" she asks. And then she adds, rather dramatically, "This life, after all, is not an important as most men consider it. Then her eyes grow gray. The woman ends—the medium begins. She has been in the business thirty years. She is here to challenge Americans to disprove her powers. JOHN KERECHVAL.



should agree on any question the member not concurring would have absolute freedom of action. On the question of divorce, for example, if twenty-five members of the house agreed on a general plan the twenty-five governors thus concurring would suggest to their respective legislatures in their ensuing session the passage of a bill in accordance with the recommendation. The legislature, of course, would have absolute freedom to pass it or not, as they deemed best, but the recommendation would have a greater dynamic effect and a stronger moral influence when such legislature knew that twenty or more other legislatures were considering the same proposed law. If eighteen states out of twenty-five passed the bill, sufficient public interest would be awakened in the others to make the matter an issue in the next campaign in the states that did not pass the bill.

In fine, Mr. Jordan suggests that the house of governors discuss vital questions concerning the welfare of the state that would require uniform action, but upon which congress could not act because the constitution affords it no power to do so. The trouble has been, according to Mr. Jordan, that while the states have had the power, no way has been provided for them to get together as states to execute the will of the people.

Rifle Grenade of Great Power.
A rifle grenade has been invented which is thought to have great possibilities. The grenade, which is considered the most powerful of the new type in frontier warfare in India and in bush fighting in West Africa. Situations arise in these forms of warfare that can only be met by the use of the grenade, which would not only do great destruction, but also have a demoralizing effect upon the enemy. The grenade, which may be applied to any rifle without interfering with the existing mechanism, practically converts a rifle into a howitzer.

"Jerked Buffalo" Was a Delicacy.
There are no more buffalo steaks on the market, but old timers will readily recall the days when it was as easy to buy such steaks as it is now to get beefsteak, and for less money. And, "jerked buffalo," buffalo meat cured, was a delicacy in its day.

Jordan's House of Governors.
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in windows during the Christmas season are made. Prices of wreaths and bells from immortelles vary according to the size desired.

As the Christmas tree first became a commercial commodity in the east the following story as to how it was introduced in New York is of interest. A good many years ago the season had been a poor year for the farmer. One in the Catskills had been hard hit. He cut down some trees that had grown at his door and shipped them to New York city, coming along with his product. He obtained the privilege of using a sidewalk downtown on which he exhibited his trees. For this privilege he paid the city \$1. He was the pioneer in the Christmas tree business in the metropolis. The Christmas tree merchant who gets a corner or a space in the great city now is lucky, and the price paid is so great that it will cut into the profit unless the sales are enormous.

FRANK H. BROOKS.

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Mme. Palladino, Psychic Puzzle

Italian Whose Seances In Europe Mystified Scientists Comes Here to Prove Her Weird Powers

NOW comes Eusapia Palladino—medium, woman of the weird—who considers herself a Neapolitan, although some of those from the boot shaped peninsula who know their Italy shake their heads about Naples as her cradle town, while admitting that she does come from the land of fine arts, sunny skies and spaghetti. She comes to America—the United States—as they all do, after contact with men of note on the other side. And United States folks flock, as they always do, to anybody about whom there has been talk of "flocking" does not always imply belief. Also, in behalf of the Palladino, let it be said that she puzzles; she makes motions, and things mysteriously come and vanishes at her bidding, apparently, as she stretches her arm, all the while being under the scrutiny of scientific men, journalists and others who by their talk or writings spread the name of Palladino. Her seances in New York city have created a stir.

So also came, puzzled and benighted, Lulu Hurst, Annie Abbott, the Davenport brothers—remember the Davenport?—Washington Irving Bishop, J. Randall Brown, James Louis Kellogg, May Pepper and others. All of these did things which caused the moderns to wonder as much as the Israelites probably wondered when Elshah caused the ex that a woodman had lost in the Jordan to come up and float on the surface.

The most recent spiritualistic arrival met, interested and to some extent associated with, in a business way at least, some noted people on the other side. "It must be said for her that her meeting with these has not been recent. Some of them she knew and interested for twenty years. Among them were Lombroso, recently passed away, and Oliver Lodge, Crookes, Ferri, Bergi and others of a school that studied the occult and lived into the waters of mysticism. On this side she caused a professor at Harvard to pause. William James is the professor referred to. When he had investigated the psychic force of Mme. Palladino he said, "I admit that she resorts to fraud at times, but will fraud explain her phenomena?"

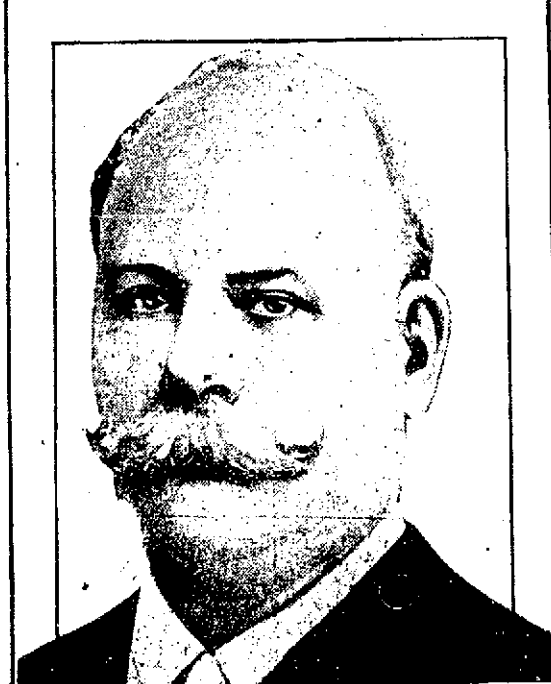
Professor James H. Hyslop, an author of some, although somewhat skeptical, wrote the mystery explained. "The Palladino case ought to be investigated," he says. "For both the scientific and the public mind, the case is a warning."



EUSAPIA PALLADINO, FAMOUS ITALIAN MEDIUM.

Zelaya, Ruler of Nicaragua

Born to Wealth, Educated, Ambitious and Merciless, He Has Become Mischief Maker of Central America



PRESIDENT ZELAYA OF NICARAGUA.

A DISTRACTED hornet in a rapidly revolving, steam heated kaleidoscope is not an altogether extraneous simile of the present condition of Jose Santos Zelaya, titular president and, it may be added, dictator of Nicaragua. Zelaya represents the militant insect. Nicaragua is the instrument containing the loose collections composed of Zelaya's supporters and the insurgents under General Juan J. Estrada. If there ever was a time when Nicaragua was in a state of repose that promised to last a year, it must have been when Gil Gonzalez Davila died in 1882 or when the strip was in some superior condition. Away back in 1829 it revolted from Spain and was annexed to the Mexican empire under

been exiled at various times under Zelaya's administration. Long before Zelaya was elected president he was a fomenting factor in his country. When Charnora was president, the republic was in a condition of quietude that disturbed the hot blooded and active young man who is the present ruler. Zelaya undertook to stir up the lethargic natives against the government. His time, however, had not come. He was sent into exile. He found his way to Guatemala and became an ardent supporter of the restless spirit who governed there, J. Rufino Barrios. He learned lessons there which enabled him to carry out the policies that have characterized his rule up to the present time. Kindred spirits were Barrios and Zelaya.

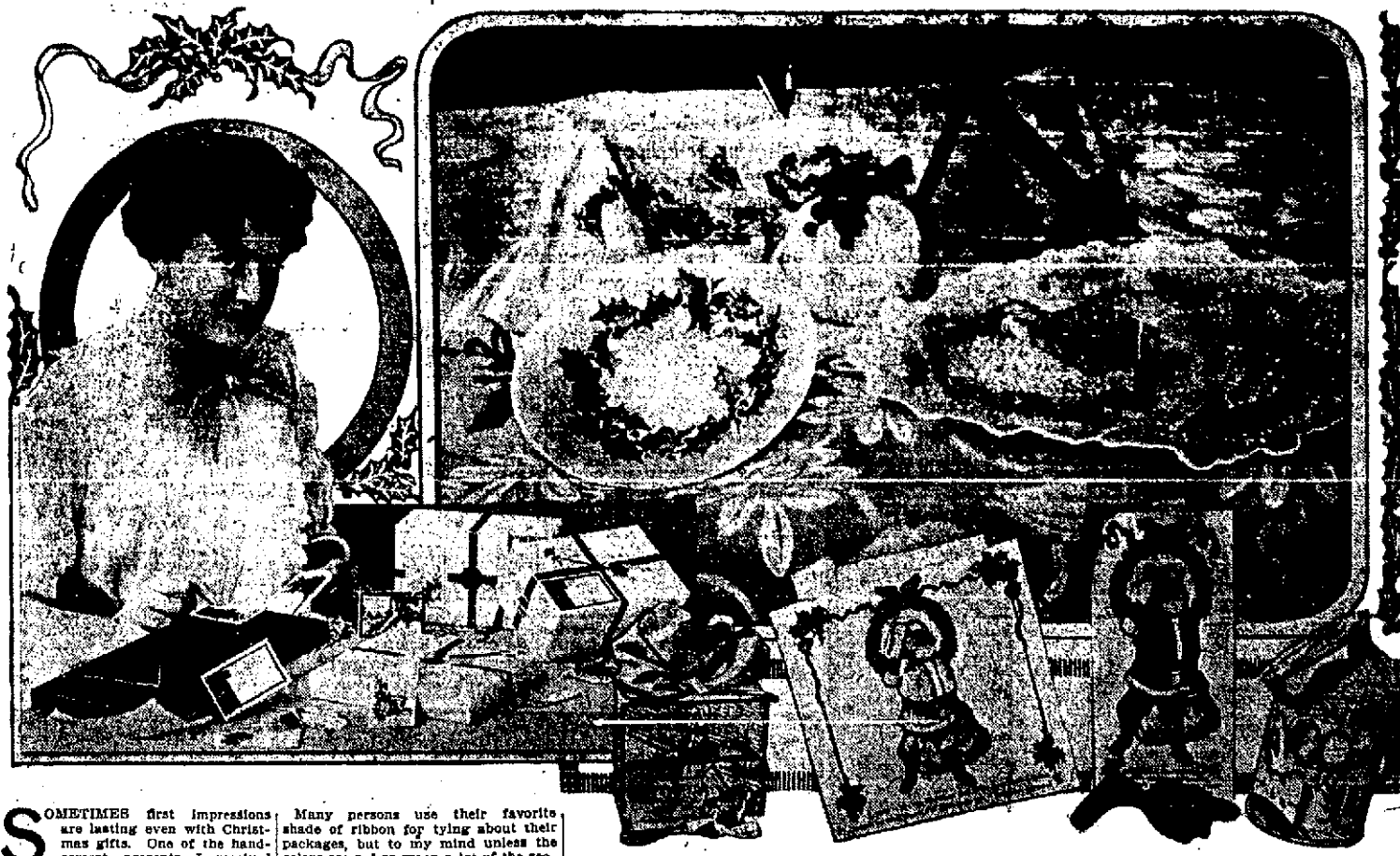
A revolution in Nicaragua was inevitable. It came, and Zelaya returned. He headed the insurgents of that uprising, and finally the government was overthrown and Zelaya came to the top.

It is conceded even by his most inveterate enemies that he is courageous. He is the boldest leader who has so far appeared in the Latin American country, except, perhaps, Castro. And he is more ambitious than was the Venezuelan ruler. One of his dreams, according to those who have studied him, is to unite the five republics of Central America and become president of all. He is fifty-one years old.

Ever since Zelaya became president the soldiers of his country have had something to do other than chasing pigs and goats, which was their former exercise and amusement. Zelaya has been better equipped for his sort of rule than any Central American schemer or fighter. Up to the present trouble he has outpointed all his opponents. In spite of the comparatively small population of the country and the fact that the most recent reports are capable of putting up a strong fight. One report is that he can easily place in the field an army of 125,000 equipped with modern rifles and artillery. Not a great while ago there were shipped to him from New Orleans 75,000 Mauser rifles and 35,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Whether this shipment is intended in running for Zelaya is not completely known. The ports of his own country blocked by the insurgents and with the United States watching the situation, Zelaya is one of the most interesting figures that has come into the limelight for some time, and sooner or later he is one who will have to be dealt with. B. VINTON RAMSEY.

YULETIDE PACKAGES

Gifts Lose Much of Their Significance if Unattractively Done Up



THE NEWEST THINGS IN CHRISTMAS TAGS, CARDS, CASES AND TABLE DECORATIONS.

SOMETIMES first impressions are lasting even with Christmas gifts. One of the handsomest presents I received last Noel was an exquisite copy of a celebrated Madonna painted on copper and beautifully mounted in a Florentine frame. The donor (needless to say, a man) handed me the gift wrapped in a not too immaculately clean newspaper and tied about with string stout enough to hang oneself with. I really hope I didn't look as disgusted as I felt, but really half the pleasure of that lovely gift was lost in the unattractive and very un-Christmas-like fashion in which it was done up. It's not the proper spirit, I know, to encourage, but even now that another Yuletide is almost here I have never ceased to look at that charming miniature picture without a feeling of regret that it came to me wrapped in a solid piece of newspaper and tied haphazard with a piece of string.

On the other hand, you may receive a very inexpensive little present, but its dainty exterior appearance will fascinate you to such a degree as to win your immediate approval. So it is well to bear in mind that gifts lose much of their significance if untidily wrapped. And there is absolutely no excuse for this carelessness when pretty Christmas papers, ribbons and tags may be bought so cheaply.

Many persons use their favorite shade of ribbon for tying about their packages, but to my mind unless the colors are red or green a lot of the season's spirit of mirth and festivity is lost by adopting this individual style. A girl of my acquaintance every year sends out her presents wrapped in white tissue paper, tied about with half inch pale green satin ribbon. The little "stickers" of holly at the corners of the packages, the tags and sprays of bright holly which she uses make even an insignificant gift seem fit for a queen's acceptance.

Still, nothing is half so suggestive of good cheer as the holly printed ribbon or the white satin ribbon on which appears the jolly figure of old Santa Claus. Gold and silver cord for certain gifts makes a pretty fastening. Never, though, make the mistake of sending a gift tied with lavender ribbon to a friend who is bravely struggling to be cheerful and gay, in spite of the fact that a dear one will be missing from the Christmas party. The lavender color carries a depressing reminder of sorrow that is most inappropriate. But, whatever colored ribbon you tie around your Christmas packages, first of all inclose a dainty Christmas card bearing your name and good wishes. Then, having packed safely all breakable gifts, wrap the boxes with holly adorned crepe paper tied with plain

white ribbon. If the gift is to be sent by express or mail the package should be nicely wrapped in heavy paper and tied with strong twine so that it will carry securely. The exterior address tag or label should be Christmasy, and if the box is sent long in advance of the 25th of December a tag bearing the words "Don't Open Until Christmas" is often added.

Clever Way to Send Handkerchiefs.
Presents of handkerchiefs and gloves are such popular gifts that manufacturers this year have designed a clever and attractive way of sending them. The receptacle is of paper, oblong for gloves and square for handkerchiefs, with a colored picture of Santa Claus with the inevitable pack on his back on one side of the holder. To insert the presents the coat of St. Nick is opened in front and the gift slipped in and securely clamped top and bottom. To add more mystery to the occasion under the figure of Santa Claus are these words:

I come to you this Christmas day with overflowing pack.

Inspect my pack, then try to guess your gift that's on my back.

In tags alone at a big shop that deals exclusively in paper goods there are twenty-one different varieties, nine kinds of seals and fifteen name and address cards.

Little boxes the size of a five dollar gold piece are to be had covered with holly paper—a graceful way, indeed, in which to send or give presents of money. There are, as usual, candy and fancy workboxes galore of a Christmas character, but perfectly new is a cute box of paper for holding tin-gerie ribbon and another design not quite so ornamental inclosing a ball of cord.

In charming decorations for the Christmas table there is a wide field from which to select. In fact, one may dress the board entirely without the assistance of damask this Yuletide. Table spreads of white crepe paper sprigged with holly come in several sizes, with napkins and doilies to match. There are bonbon dishes and favor snowballs with which to make

shine or mood, getting in and out of her auto or carriage at each place, nor does she have to face the crowds at the counters or be the victim of the cold-scolding or marauding misadventurer. No, indeed. She sits comfortably in her boudoir and just calls the proprietors or managers of the various dry goods palaces on the telephone, expresses a wish to see what articles she desires, and they are sent to her with all possible speed. With them comes the manager or a confidential employee who is thoroughly capable of pointing out the excellence of this or that piece of goods. If there is nothing that suits, the goods are taken away and the salesman apologizes for having taken up so much of her time. Her friends are there to help her make her selections, and she can "try on" to her heart's content. It isn't because Mrs. Taft is not democratic that she does her shopping in this way, but it is under the orders of her physician. Since her illness he has issued orders that she must not exert herself unnecessarily, and, manlike, he is inclined to look on shopping as an unnecessary bit of exertion. For this reason Mrs. Taft has the shops brought to her instead of her going to them.

A PEEK INTO FASHIONLAND.
There is no one style of gown the rage at present, although the princess effect is retained in almost every instance. Drapery, plain gored effects, tunics and plaited models appear side by side, each being as popular as the other.

A stunning blouse waist recently received from Paris has three layers of material, first fine china silk, then gilette, then a dainty colored chiffon on top—a perfect dream of glittering beauty beneath a veil of softness. The blouse is very simply trimmed with a bit of lace at the neck and sleeves. It needed no trimming. It was beautiful enough in itself.

Sets of jet consisting of necklet, dog collar or festoon effect, earrings and hair ornaments are especially attractive, and no doubt many women will wear them regardless of this. Brown haired women should not wear jet in their tresses. Fair hair and jet ornaments make a lovely combination. Gray haired women may also indulge in such ornaments.

A sumptuous Japanese fur set includes a large stole of animal shape trimmed with paws and tails and huge wide reversible muff with wide satin center and big bow and finish of tails and paws.

A pretty fancy that the fashionable girl is fond of is to have all her clothing marked with a monogram. From the handkerchief to the white petticoat they must be the same, the only variation being in size. Most girls can do monograms themselves with a little practice.

UNCONSCIOUS HUMOR IN SCHOOL.
Miss Marian White, superintendent of the cooking schools of Washington City, has been collecting the bright sayings of the youngsters of the capital, and several are worth recording. She was explaining all about cereals, their use and advantages and method by which they should be selected in the selection. Then she asked the meaning of the word cereal.

One little girl said it meant "the grains after they got yellow like the leaves," probably a hazy remembrance of scar and yellow leaf. But the prize answer came from a little boy who "fond of reading and asking questions." He said that "cereals were breakfast foods and were called after Caesar, the goddess of agriculture."

Muffs the New Bigger Size

THE North pole is a cold place, but never in the history of mankind have so many skins gone into the making of muffs as this season. The muffs and newest models are rag animals, not only in shape, but in size, and it is an unusual sight to see women carrying muffs that reach to the bottom of their gowns. To carry this enormous creature they resort to chains were about the neck to support the burden, or the muffs hang, when not in service, from an ornamental hook attached to the belt.

The sentimental muffs of the hour is heart shaped, and the freak example is the "dog muffs." This latter model is made in imitation of a pet toy animal, generally of the "Pom" variety, and is



ONE OF THE NEW LONG MUFFS.

worn under the arm. To be sure, there is a pocket into which the hands may be thrust when desired.

Sealskin and skunk, a popular combination this year of pelts, is used in the exquisite muffs and scarves pictured. The muffs, at you see, is of very long type, and the scarf is of generous proportions. These fur scarves, by the way, are very graceful worn by the right woman.

SCHEME FOR PREPARING A QUICK BREAKFAST

WHAT a wonderful thing is system! "Why," said an inexperienced young housekeeper recently, "I can get my breakfast and dress at the same time without the least inconvenience." This is how the clever planner works out her scheme.

She and her husband live in the suburbs of a large city, and the head of the house must leave for business at 8 o'clock in the morning. Incidentally, he does not approve of negligee costumes outside of the bedroom, so no time saving in easy dressing can be indulged in.

Mildred's way of getting around the difficulty is to array herself in a dressing gown as soon as she gets up; then she goes to the kitchen, puts the kettle on to boil and returns to her room to dress. When her toilet is almost finished she slips into a dressing jacket and returns to the operation of getting breakfast. By this time the kettle is boiling, so she puts on the oatmeal, using the inner vessel of a double boiler. It takes five minutes for the oatmeal to cook efficiently to permit of the upper portion being put into

the lower part of the boiler. Then while the upper portion is cooking on the direct heat she prepares the fruit for breakfast and lays two places at the table. That done, the double boiler goes on the heat, and the young housekeeper returns to the duties of her toilet.

When next she gets to the kitchen, in about ten minutes, the oatmeal is usually done, and, thanks to its jacket of boiling water, she can remove it and still have it hot. Then she makes the toast by putting a few slices of bread on the hot iron. When they are off the kettle goes on again for the eggs and tea. The latter part of the work takes not more than six minutes.

The fruit, of course, is on the table when the master of the house sits down to table, and when they have finished eating the fruit she takes away those plates and brings in two dishes of oatmeal. After she removes these dishes the eggs are brought on with the toast and tea.

The young housekeeper discovered the other morning that it took but five minutes longer to cook bacon, to fry in-

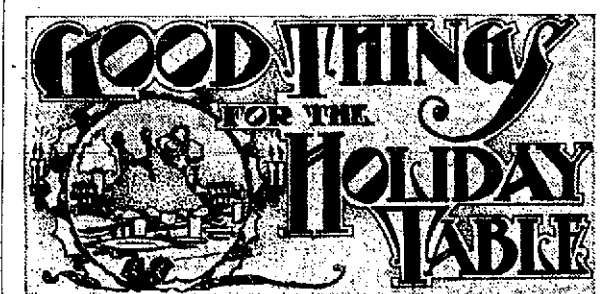


FIG ALMOND PASTE.
Pick over and chop fine a pound of choice figs, cover with boiling water and simmer until very soft, then drain off the water and boil it down to a cupful. Rub the figs through a hair sieve and return the paste to the water with the addition of three pounds of granulated sugar. Simmer until the paste is so thick it cannot be stirred, being careful not to let it scorch; then pour into pans lined with oiled paper and stud the top with split blanched almonds. When nearly cold cut the paste into inch squares with an oiled knife or into three inch strips.

COCOA BUTTER DROPS.
To make coconut drops take one cup of sugar and one-half cup of butter and thoroughly blend them. Add two

CHRISTMAS TOYS.
Airships, Motors and Taxis Popular Models in the Shops.

Captive airships which whiz around on a string are complete in every detail, and those made in celluloid are splendid toys that boys will be delighted to receive for Christmas presents.

The popularity of electric traction is reflected in the increased sales of electric trains and taxis. The motor and taxicab figure prominently on the shelves. These are provided with hooters, adjustable hoods, windows which can be lowered, glass screens, lamps and even the telltale taximeter itself.

Equaling the mechanical toy in popularity are the Teddy bears. The factories can hardly make them quick enough. The more expensive shakes his head fiercely and sniffs the air with a snarl and justice to any adult brute. In this class also has to be included the Billy possum, another fur favorite.

Monkeys and bears on trapezes, which squeal and grunt continually, are new and are bound to cause endless fun. There are those which turn innumerable somersaults until the motive power gives out.

The parlor and board game department new ideas are rampant. The old fashioned Christmas tree may be superseded by the lucky pies, a big box full of prizes bearing numbers, which have to be drawn for.

THE SYMBOLIC AGE.
Symbols are the things. More crests and monograms are no longer sufficiently individual to suit the woman of today. One woman whose life is one of austerity and devotion to high ideals, which to her means doing humble and unbecoming work to support a family, has adopted white and red colors, not only for her symbol, but for a family device to hold up as a standard for her boys and girls she is striving so valiantly to bring up well. The white color stands for purity, the red for industry.

Women with flower names have the daisy or lily or violet or rose emblazoned on their note paper and embroidered on their linen. Grace Van Studdiford has a golden butterfly on her note paper. Miss Polaire, the French comedienne, has a portrait of Zerkette, her pet poodle, on her letter paper. Mrs. Perry Belmont has a big golden bee with outstretched wings on her note paper.

TOMATO SOUP.
Wash and soak overnight one pint of lentils. In the morning put them in a pot with two quarts of cold water or stock, two or three celery tops, a little salt, a few peppercorns and a ham bone. Bring these ingredients to a boil and then let them simmer gently until the lentils are quite tender, adding more hot water if required. Take off the stove and pour through a sieve, remove the ham bone, etc., and rub the lentils through into the soup or not, as desired—then return the soup to the pot to heat. Season and serve hot with croutons.

When Fashionable Dolls Drink Tea



DOLLS' TEA PARTY.

THE fashionable doll hostess will entertain her friends at 5 o'clock tea every afternoon during the holidays with all the pomp and circumstance of her young mistress. She will seat her guests in comfortable chairs of white enameled bamboo. The table whereon the dainty tea service is spread is of the same wood and has a glass top which prettily reflects the charming

When the Lamp Is Lit

Musings of Elinor Hite

"Of course," speaking of a certain rather problematical play of the hour running in New York, "it's fine, but I wouldn't think of taking mother to see it." Was a remark I recently overheard a very up to the minute young girl make to an equally advanced chum.

Verily, quote I to myself, how the tables have turned! Why, daughters nowadays are as much afraid of shocking their mothers as mothers used to be a short while ago of letting their grownup girls peer into life's mysteries.

Higher education for women has doubtless brought about this change of affairs. Girls who read physiology and study in dissecting rooms have a protective pity for the feelings of their female parent and as much as possible avoid trying her nerves by admitting the extent of their knowledge. In many cases the girls of the day are much older than their mothers in knowledge of the world, and so with the unconscious power bred of knowledge they assume, in most instances quite unconsciously, a superior attitude—in fact, that of manager to the managed.

It is not the fault of the girls. The blame is rather to be laid to the transitional stage, in which social life is at present. Later on, when the managing daughter of today is the mother of the

future, she and her daughters will be more on an equality.

Whether this state of affairs will be for the better or worse depends very much upon one's viewpoint. Those who are sticklers for the old rigid "parent and child" attitude in which the parent is on the pedestal and the child on the floor, as it were, all through life, will, of course, look upon the idea with dismay. But those who recognize (and this is a thing some parents can never bring themselves to do) that when a child reaches "years of discretion" it is, in a sense, as old as its parent, will find that their own lives become much fuller by admitting children to what one might call the full rights of citizenship in the household.

And the advantage to the younger generation will be great.

A CHRISTMAS TIME SAVER.
Have you ever had a sickening feeling after sending Aunt Mary a handkerchief or Cousin Jane a picture frame that these same relatives of yours were the recipients of like gifts from you the Christmas before? The more you try to remember just what you sent them the more hopelessly confused and befogged your brain becomes. Then is the time you will say to yourself, "If I had only kept a list."

The time has gone by for that now, but it is not too late to avoid a similar state of mind next year.

Lists of paper are apt to become mislaid or lost before the year rolls around again, so why not start a Christmas book now? In it you could keep a record of the gifts you sent out each year, and when next Christmas arrives it will be a great help in avoiding repetitions.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION.
A book cover makes a good Christmas present for the girl who is apt to be commended by her book. These covers come in natural linen stamped with embroidery in heavy shaded gray mercerized cotton, the work to be outlined with black.

THE DECORATIVE SEX.
Wild was right when he said in "Dorian Gray" that "women are a decorative sex." If only women would recognize that they are ornaments intended for the home, whose sole care is to look nice and educate their children ("educate" in the Quincey's full sense of the word). It is man who must labor. Man's dress must be useful, woman's ornamental.



Collectors of Old Furniture Will Be Interested In This Adam Sideboard, Which Shows the Great Eighteenth Century Designer of Furniture at His Best.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR OF CITY MAY ATTEND BIG MEETING

Health Board Recommends That He be Sent to Trenton, N. J.

General Condition of Health in City is Best in Years.

At the meeting of the board of health last evening in City Health Officer Dr. Aiken's office, a resolution was drawn up by the city trustees, recommending that plumbing inspector Robert H. Ellithorpe be furnished with sufficient funds to enable his presence at the annual meeting of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers and Sanitary Engineers at Trenton, New Jersey, during the latter part of January.

Inspector Ellithorpe was a delegate to the 18th convention of the national society and the members of the health board were unanimous in agreeing that the benefits accruing to the city from Ellithorpe's trip were worth the times the cost.

It was stated that Mr. Ellithorpe's expenses would be in the neighborhood of \$200, which is \$75 in excess of the cost for his 1909 trip. The city trustees furnished the plumbing inspector with funds to represent the city of Fresno at the former meeting and the purpose of last night's official action was to place the health board's stamp of approval on the proposed Eastern trip.

If the \$200 appropriation is granted, Mr. Ellithorpe will leave here about January 1, the session to open on January 20, lasting four days, with three sessions daily, morning, afternoon and evening. The board of health members are willing to allow the inspector to leave of absence of three weeks, which will be necessary to make the trip, even longer time if he requires it.

The health board was occupied with the reading of the regular monthly report last night. The general sanitary condition of the city was reported to be very commendable. In fact, the best in years. The only noticeable unsanitary section is in the Italian quarter of the city, where the sewage is very bad. In some parts, the sewer pipes are laid but there are no water mains. For this reason, the sewers cannot be flushed. The report of the city health officer, in full, follows:

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 12, 1909.

To the Honorable Board of Health, Gentlemen:

I beg leave to submit the following report for the month of November:

Total number of births, 41. Male, 23; female, 18; all white.

Deaths, 31. White, 29; yellow, 2; male, 20; female, 11.

Cause of death was as follows:

Pneumonia, 8; typhoid fever, 1; diphtheria, 1; scarlet fever, 1; tuberculosis, 2; heart and circulatory, 2; cancer, 2;

accident and violence, 2; stillborn and premature, 4; general diseases, 4. Contagious diseases reported during the month, 18, as follows: Diphtheria, 9; scarlet fever, 1. Most of the contagious diseases have proved of a mild character, and few deaths resulted therefrom. One case of diphtheria was found in the Emerson school, but the room was immediately disinfected and no further cases developed. One case of scarlet fever was found in the Emerson school, but a careful examination of all the scholars in the same room failed to discover any others. Most of the cases of diphtheria reported were as usual from the unsewered and insanitary section, the west side of the city.

The vigilance of the teachers in our public schools is to be heartily commended, for it is largely due to their watchfulness that an epidemic has been prevented. During the earlier part of the month the sanitary inspector was instructed to direct his efforts to a thorough cleaning up of alleys and back yards on the west side of the track, with the result that no new cases have developed in that section recently. From the state board of health comes the report that Fresno has the largest death rate from typhoid fever of any city in the state. While this is seemingly proven by our records, yet it is not true in fact, for more than one-half of the cases since January, 1909, have been brought into Fresno from the surrounding country, and the death record charged up to us. Nevertheless this is largely due to the urgent need of sewerage and the time is at hand when as a sanitary measure this is imperative, and must receive attention at the hands of the city authorities.

The dairies are maintaining an excellent standard in view of the heavy rains which of necessity keep the yards and barns in an unsanitary condition. The butter fat is falling below the legal standard in several cases, which at this time of year seems hardly necessary. The bacterial content for the past month has been very satisfactory and we are willing to place this record against any on the Pacific coast. One dairy has been added to our list and one more changed hands, the Jersey Farm purchasing the Grand Central.

Owing to defective tuberculin Dr. Longley has not been able to complete inspection of the health of the dairy herds, but promises to have his report by the next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted, G. H. AIKEN, Health Officer.

The monthly report of the condition of milk from the various dairies on December 11, 1909, was as follows:

Canham-Bacteria per cc., 26-300; butyric, 4.2-5; eighteen hours after making.

Jersey-Bacteria per cc., 8-200; butyric, 4 per cent; six hours after making.

Bowen-Bacteria per cc., 17-200; butyric, 3.1-5; six hours after making.

Fresno-Bacteria per cc., 13-100; butyric, 3.1-5; six hours after making.

Jersey Farm-Bacteria per cc., 32-200; butyric, 3.1-5; six hours after making.

J. H. HOPKINS, M. D., Bacteriologist.

In his monthly report, Plumbing Inspector Ellithorpe stated that 11 sewer permits were granted by him. Ten of these had been inspected and approved by the city health officer. In fact, the permit for the entire year had not been completed when the report was filed. Forty-two plumbing permits were granted, forty of which had been examined and approved. One is still in the course of construction and the remaining permit is the last at the Emerson school. Some of the fixtures were broken in shipping and final inspection will not be made until the new parts arrive. The total amount of fees collected during November was \$122.75. For the entire year, the inspector stated that his fees would be approximately \$1200.

During November, City Meat and Sanitary Inspector James Bachroft, visited all the restaurants, slaughter houses, cold storage plants, meat shops and, with few exceptions, found these to be in very good condition. The inspector also examined the alleys and back yards throughout the city, ordering rubbish to be removed where any unsanitary conditions were observed and in every instance the proprietor was conducting his market according to the city ordinance.

KODAKS

And photo supplies at Baker & Co.'s. Phone Main 87.

XMAS BOOKLETS

Cards and postal cards of all kinds can be seen at Smith Bros. Drug Store.

THRICE DECREED DEAD MAN APPEARS BEFORE HIS RELATIVES

Henry E. Christopher Silent as to His Ten Years' Absence.

His Estate Administered Upon, There's Nothing for Him to Claim.

Henry E. Christopher, who has long been considered dead by his relatives, who was pronounced legally dead by a Fresno court ten years ago and whose estate in this county has been administered upon here, has reappeared alive and well, with only the weight of added years and his mysterious disappearance unexplained as when he disappeared from Fresno on a summer's day in July, 1899.

Christopher, who is a man about 43 years of age, has in fact been pronounced legally dead by the courts of three states of the union. And since his return from no one knows where, one day last week to startle his sister by his apparition as if from the grave, he has been all mystery and will not inform his relatives, not even his mother, where he has been, what he has been doing and why he remained away for more than a decade without sending any one word that he was still in the land of the living.

Christopher's disappearance from his customary haunts in Fresno was as complete as if he had fallen off the terrestrial globe. He created a sensation at the time as residents of Fresno will perhaps remember. Christopher was well known about town, having been long a salesman in the grocery department of Kutter, Goldstein Company, and at the time of his disappearance was employed in the same capacity in the Louis Elstner & Co. store.

He was and is a bachelor and while working at Elstner's made his domicile with T. E. Collins at the Ogilvie house. One fine July day in 1899 he was seen to leave the hotel on a bicycle, headed westward from town. He was not seen nor heard from again, until last Wednesday when he called at the home of his sister on Belmont avenue and announced himself. The long lost and missing, for dead had come to life.

At the Ogilvie house when he left, his personal effects were all intact, giving no evidence of any intended departure. After a few days and not presenting himself, the police were communicated with and searchers were sent out over the country and to scour the West side for a trace of him.

Advertisements were inserted in the newspapers, giving his description and offering reward for any information concerning him, dead or alive. It is said that 5,000 printed cards were placed all the country over, made to gain the slightest clue concerning Christopher. Somewhere on the West Side plains about that time was found a human skeleton, which the coyotes had torn to shreds and pieces beyond all recognition. The sorry conclusion was arrived at that these blanched and disjointed bones were the remains of Henry E. Christopher. The relatives mourned him for dead as the supposed victim of foul play.

On the 12th of October, 1899, the brother-in-law, Frederick Burnham, of the Belmont meat market, who had been a meat peddler for W. A. White, filed in court petition for letters of administration of the estate of Henry E. Christopher. The petition was granted and was granted special letters to attend the urgent matters in connection with the estate. In that petition the date of Christopher's death was fixed as the 14th of July, 1899, while the cause of death was given as being drowned in the time of his last appearance riding away from the Ogilvie house.

At the hearing all evidence in possession was adduced and the peculiar features attending the disappearance, which were made to find a clue of him and the discovery of the skeleton were emphasized. The court considered the evidence sufficient to conclude that Christopher was dead then, and the general letters as petitioned for were granted to the brother-in-law by Judge Risley.

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Christopher. The estate ran its natural course and in April, 1901, it was reported ready for distribution and was so distributed, after and share alike to the father and mother, Edwin and Bridget Christopher.

As residue for distribution there was reported \$79.75 and the two lots valued at \$2,760. Since his disappearance Christopher's father and a brother have died. The mother came on to California soon after the son's disappearance to mourn his loss, that of the other son and that of her spouse. The mother succeeded to her husband's share in the estate.

The Fresno estate was not all that the last son left to ease the declining days of his parents. There was a \$2,000 mortgage insurance on his life in the A. A. Co. of Newark, and a piece of real property in Aberdeen in South Dakota. These were also administered upon in the due course of time, though years elapsed because of the absence of proof before the A. A. Co. would acknowledge death and pay the policy.

It was in the end paid to Mrs. Christopher as the surviving beneficiary. That money has long since been spent. And so also the South Dakota property has been sold and the proceeds established title to money and property in these two states. Christopher had to be declared legally dead there and such findings stand of record in the courts there as it does in Fresno county.

The Estrella vineyard lots passed from the hands of one of the brothers, Henry E. having at the time of his disappearance only paid \$250 on the purchase contract. The brother took it in the name of Christopher, the heir to the missing son's property, made conveyance to the other son and brother. In short all of Henry E.'s Fresno estate has been disposed of under the court decree of April, 1901, and there is nothing for him to lay claim to. In fact it is in the singular position of not being able to lay claim to anything, even if it were there, because to give him legal status to claim it he would have first to go to court, prove who he is and have not only the decree but also have him as dead in the eyes of the law.

But his relatives say he is not worrying in the least over this phase of his singular case. Two brothers-in-law, one of whom was until recently with the canal and irrigation company and the sister have asked him about this and he has declared that he would do nothing to recover any portion of his estate and cares as little whether the courts regard him as a living or a dead man.

"Has he explained where he has been all these years and what he has been doing," was asked of Mr. Burnham, his brother-in-law.

"That's the singular thing about him," he replied. "He is as mysterious about that as was his disappearance. He hasn't even told his old mother anything. Oh yes, one thing he has said and that is that he has not heard out of the state at any time all these years. I don't think he is affected mentally, but I can't comprehend the man. He looks well and looks just as he did on the day that he disappeared only he has more gray hairs. His hair is soft as if he hadn't seen hard work."

"He has said one other thing, that he was at Hollister when there was a funeral of a Catholic bishop or priest and that he saw Rev. Father McCarty there. He has no recollection whatever of seeing him."

"The information that his father and brother died while he was so long away did not seem to affect him much. He just reflected a moment and all he said was 'Well, Tom was a good boy.' I have told you now all I know about him and everything that he is told to any of his relatives, or his mother."

FRESNO MEN BEAT WAY TO BE ARRESTED IN SPOKANE

Twelve Hundred Mile Ride is Taken on Beams; Are Jailed.

Brother of Local Socialist is Another to be Locked Up.

Believing that they were going to be martyrs to the cause of human liberty, three members of the Industrial Workers of the World of this city rode 1200 miles on a brakeload to Spokane, Wash., when the labor troubles broke out there with the avowed purpose of being arrested upon their arrival. And they were placed under arrest shortly after their arrival in the northern city.

Arthur Fisher, formerly a waiter in a restaurant back of the Orange saloon, was one of the party and with him were two men, Montgomery and Sullivan. Fisher has written an account of his trip to a friend in this city. It appears that Montgomery arrived in Spokane a day before the other two and only a few minutes later was lodged in jail. Sullivan and Fisher were picked up there immediately after their arrival. At the time they were arrested with ten other men, in his letter Fisher says he does not know what he will be charged with, but states that he will in all probability be put to work on the rock pile.

W. E. Little, prominent Socialist of this city, has received word from Spokane that his brother, who was arrested there in connection with the trouble, has been released. The writer, under date of December 10th, states that up to that time twenty or thirty leaders and editors of the Industrial Workers of the World were being arrested in a rate on the night of December 7th, four leaders and one editor were caught and put away for safe keeping.

In a circular sent out from the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, an awful picture of conditions, from that point of view, is presented to Socialists who are asked to aid in the cause. Three editors are now serving six months in the chain gang while over twenty members are yet to be tried for criminal conspiracy.

AGED MINER SUICIDES. GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Dec. 13.—Allen George, a rancher and miner, aged 73 years, committed suicide today by shooting himself with a rifle in a room at his hotel, George C. Gray, in California from Kentucky in 1852. Pinedale, however, are assigned as the cause of the suicide.

CONFESSED THIEF RETURNED TO CITY

It. Crough, the confessed thief of a bicycle in this city last Friday, and who was apprehended in Tulare by Marshal Court Smith of that place, was returned to Fresno last night by the Fresno City Jail.

He says he stole the wheel and rode to Tulare, where he tried to sell the bike. A charge of petit larceny was lodged against Crough at the county jail. He will plead guilty in the police court.

Dr. Sarah Pugh, Osteopathic Physician, 150 Forsyth Bldg., Main 414.

Hats Trimmed Free Balance of This Month

Furs For Christmas Gifts

Good furs and good diamonds are usually selected from stores that have the confidence of its patrons.

So much of sham and deceit in the selling of furs that it behooves one to pick his store. Some stores have two prices, one that means full price if you're willing and a lower if you want to shop around. One price at this store because we charge no more than the proper profit that is consistent with fair returns on the investment—here here but one low price to all alike.

Women's Cozy Scarf, black velvet, good width and length, price \$1.35. Full length Black Stole Maroon, brocade lining, price \$3.00. Black Cozy Scarf, two heads of fur tails on each end, plain lining, price \$2.50. Brown Cozy Scarf, mink and seal, price \$5.00. Fox Boa, good fine skin, lambella style, double fur, price \$7.50. Lambella Fox Scarf, seal and mink, price \$15.00.

CHILDREN'S FURS. Are Here in Nice Assortment. Gray or Brown Cozy Scarf and Muff, set complete, price \$1.75. Children's Cozy Initiation of Ermine Scarf or Muff, price \$1.50. Girls' Gray Cozy Scarf and Muff, price \$1.00. Girls' Minkrat Set of Pillow Muff and Scarf, price \$7.50. Child's White Angora Scarf, mink and seal, price \$4.38. Marabout Boas, in very pretty colorings, and here as low as \$8.50.



Green Tag Prices Still Hold Good on Women's Garments and Millinery FINE TAILORED SUITS \$14.95

Regular price tag shows the former price, which was \$25.00; Green Tag ticket shows the new price to be \$14.95. Plain tailored model of Botany waisted, and you're probably aware that the Botany mills make the very best domestic dress goods in America.

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Toyland Extra Today

1 Set Toy Dishes 48c. 8 cups and saucers, 1 tea pot, 1 creamer, 1 sugar, 6 plates, 6 spoons, all decorated in gilt and floral designs, today 48c. Enamel Kitchen Utensils 35c. 1 cup, 1 stew pan, 1 pie pan, 1 kettle, 1 grater, enameled in gray, put up in neat little box, today 35c. Gift Books for Children. From the best selected book stock in the valley. Chatterbox, price \$1.25. Henty Books, price 25c. Elsie Bonemore, price 39c. Little Women, large edition, price 98c.

CUT THIS OUT! Money Saved If You Shop in the Morning

WE WILL ALLOW 10 PER CENT discount on all purchases in the 1 street store, providing you cut this out and offer it in payment between the hours of 8 a. m. and 12—not good after 12 o'clock.

Mufflers for Gifts 50c Silk Ones 35c</